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DATE: January 3, 1945
PLACE: Neuwiller, France.
TROOPS: No change.
ACTION; Operations for the day began at 0730. Outposts were checked. At 1000 Major from 45th division called at CP and claimed we were in his CP. The Bn CO contacted higher headquarters of the mixup and was advised they would contact our division. Major called Corp Hqs (45th div) to definitely determine his status in the case. During this discussion, orders were received that this Bn would move immediately to Reidheim and outpost the town and nearby vicinity occupying adjacent towns with our troops.

The Bn closed the CP at 1245 and proceeded to our mew destination. We closed in at 1455 and all outposts set up in each town for all around security.

Company commanders were called for a brief meeting and briefing of the immediate front was given. During the discussion, Ln Off from higher headquarters at 1930 arrived with information that the division was regrouping in the vicinity of Phalsburg and that movement orders would no doubt follow. Two possible routes were contemplated on the move and both were included in the probable march order.

The Chaplain gave out scarfs and sweaters to the company commanders for their men through the courtesy of the Red Cross.

Immediately thereafter the staff held a brief meeting after which the Bn CO held a short discussion with NCO's of the Hqs personnel.

Three men arrived in the meantime; two from the hospital and one a reinforcement and were properly assigned to company's by the CO.

DATE: January 4, 1945.
PLACE: Reidheim, France.
TROOPS: No change.
ACTION; Although the Bn was on the alert for movement to the vicinity of Phalsburg where the division contemplated assembling, no definite orders were received. Our outposts were maintained and security checked by S-2. Several civilians were questioned as to proper passes and their destinations.

At 1235 CCA placed the Bn on a 3 hour alert status and ask for a training schedule to cover time spent in readiness for future movement.

The S-2 called meeting of orientation officers and a general briefing of the fronts were given along with tips on conducting training and information which should be given to the troops regarding situations. At 1830 the company commanders were called and additional outpost duties regarding security was given.

S-1 held a short orientation for all EM of Bn Hqs plus several notes of interest to all men.

At 2000 the outposts were checked by the field OD and a report submitted to the Bn CO at the close of the day.

DATE: January 5,6, 1945.
PLACE: Reidheim, France.
TROOPS: No change.
ACTION: During the day, the prescribed training was carried out by all companies in compliance with higher headquarters.

The S-3 made a foot reconnaissance of suitable terrain for tank-infantry deployment as called for also by higher headquarters.

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The executive officer attended a meeting at CCa at which time plans were given to him for three possible route s of attack from our present position. During his absence, the Ln Off from CCA to Div called at our CP and discussed the same plans with the Bn CO.

At 1800 the company commanders were called and all three plans were thoroughly gone over and all were made familiar with routes and locations. During the process of the meeting the higher headquarters alerted our Bn to move on short notice under plan #2. At this point the Bn CO immediately issued his march order and all companies were alerted for the move.

The Ln Off brought final information on time of movement and at 2215 the CP at Reidheim was closed and opened in column.

DATE: January 7, 1945.
PLACE: Surbourg France.
TROOPS: 48 (-) 1C94, 2-C-94, A-68.
ACTION: The vicinity of Surbourg France which was designated in orders as our CP was occupied at approximately 0415 and security immediately established. Little rest was obtained by all personnal as orders from CCA ordered a rapid reconnaissance of the surrounding terrain to locate ground for a holding force composed principally of infantry and artillery and for tank attack action through the holding force. This mission was given to our Rcn platoon and results immediately submitted to CCA on completion of the reconnaissance.

At 1330 we were ordered to alert one medium tank company for movement to support 3rd Bn 315 and A-48 was given this mission; they moved out at 1400.

A-68 reverted to CCA reserve and 2-C-94 reverted to troop control.

Artillery overlay concentrations were issued to all units and check points for OP's and reconnaissance by 94th.

The Bn CO was called to meeting of TF Wahl in Surbourg to complete plans of repelling C/A in our immediate vicinity. No troops of ours were included in the TF.

Baker company was ordered to prepare one platoon of tanks for defensive fires on general line north south Surbourg.

A Co ~~was~~ reverted to 48 control and withdrew to vicinity of Kuhlendorf.

DATE: January 8,9, 1945.
PLACE: Vicinity Surbourg, France.
TROOPS: 48th
ACTION: Little action on the 8th was reported. Several plans for the repelling of a counter attack were drawn up by our S-3 and plans submitted to CCA for approval. Company commanders were called in to familiarize them with said plans in the event of committal. at 0555 the 9th CO CCA ordered the alert of company A again. CO and Ex of 48th reported to TF Hqs for further orders.. Following ~~is~~ are activities of 48th as written by S-3.

A-48 moved to vic Rittershoofen at 0930, with mission of assisting 42nd Infantry to straighten lines, was relieved of mission at 1030 and returned to Kuhlendorf. It was sent back on same mission at 1330. Company Commander and S-3 contacted Battalion Commander of 42nd Infantry at Hatten at 1400 to arrange for assistance. Unknown number of tanks were reported at that time to be flanking town to south and personnel carriers and tanks flanking on north. A-48 began arriving in assembly area east of Rittershofen at 1415.

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At approximately 1420 1st platoon went into position on south flank east of Rittershoffen to counter threat of Nazi southern envelopment, took the tanks under fire destroying and burning five of medium size. One platoon went into position on south flank west of Rittershoffen and third platoon on north flank east of Rittershoffen. Situation then was stable for 48th until 1700. At 1600 48th Battalion Commander contacted Regimental Commander 42nd Infantry and a coordinated attack was arranged with one platoon of tanks and one platoon of infantry attacking to east on either side of Hatten. Attack jumped off at 1710. Attack on north side of Hatten met little opposition, reached its objective by 1830. Attack on south side encountered some resistance, knocked out one tank, one personnel carrier and one staff car, reaching its objective by approximately 1845.

Relief of A-48 was arranged at 2030 and began at approximately 2230, with a TD platoon and an infantry company outposting each side of Hatten and tieing in with 42nd Infantry in Hatten.

48 (-) A moved approximately 1430 to Neiderbetschdorf in reserve, moved back to former position, Bn Hq & HQ Co, B-48, D-48 establish MLR east of Hatten using A-48 south of Hatten and two companies infantry north of Hatten.

Number of german tanks destroyed in engagement was 6 plus personnel carrier and staff car. Number of enemy estimated killed 25.

To Surbourg; C-48 to Soultz, where it reverted to 6AIB Control. Plans were drawn up for tank, infantry attack at daylight to

DATE: January 10, 1945.
PLACE: Vicinity Rittershoffen, Hatten France.
TROOPS: No change.
ACTION; Operations for the day consisted mainly of establishing MLR east of Hatten. Narrative of action for the day By S-3 follows:

A-48 was committed at 0630 from their position on east edge of Rittershoffen with mission of moving to east south of Hatten and capturing the terrain on either side of the road southeast of Hatten. Mission was changed shortly after the attack jumped off in order to counter threat of enemy attack to west north of Hatten. Bulk of A-48 moved to position northeast of Rittershoffen leaving remainder covering enemy sothern approach. A-48 then assisted infantry in repelling attack of 200 infantry at 0830 reinforced at 0930 by 6 tanks. Number of infantry casualities inflicted is unknown, one tank was knocked out with one probable. A-48 remained in position until relieved at 1630.

At 1150 remainder of 48th closed in Neiderbetschdorf area by order of higher headquarters. At 1500 B-48 had gone into battle position directly south of Rittershoffen. At 1530 C-48 had moved into battle position north and east of Rittershoffen.

At 1550 B-48 attacked to east through gap between Hatten and woods to south. Attack moved as planned until approximately 1645 when hostile fire from south edge of Hatten knocked out Company Commander's tank and communications on two platoon leaders tanks failed. Four tanks were hit by fire from Hatten and from direct east. Communications reestablished by 1730 and attack was resumed. Message received from higher headquarters directing withdrawal at 1735. Withdrawal accomplished with all tanks to Surbourg.

At 1600 C-48 attacked to east and north of Hatten with objective of seizing ground on either side of road to northeast of Hatten. Fire was received from north edge of Hatten at approximately 1700 disabling three tanks, and killing one tank commander. Six enemy tanks were definitely hit with AP ammunition which did not ricochet but extent of damage was not known. Unit was withdrawn beginning at 1730 to outpost position on edge of Rittershoffen.

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The Bn CP withdrew to their rear CP in Surbourg for the night and the town was outposted as originally prescribed.

Extent of casualties in personnel and vehicles (enemy) is undetermined for no accurate count could be made.

DATE: January 11, 1945
PLACE: Surbourg, Vicinity Rittershoffen, Hatten, France.
TROOPS: 48th, A-68, B-68, 500.
ACTION: Firece fighting was encountered throughout the day with severe casualities dealt the enemy but not without loss of our own men and vehicles. A-48 being under control of the 68th was in position outside Kuhlendorf. C-48 took up their position north of Rittershoffen, B-48 flanking the town on the west.

C-48 supported by B-68 was ordered to launch an attack from their position north of Rittershoffen and route the enemy. before the jump off could be accomplished a strong enemy attack was encountered and several tanks knocked out. Our artillery was called on for direct support and B-48 was also called on to furnish a section of tanks to aid the assault. The infantry was pinned down with small arms fire and could offer little resistance. Our A company took up firing positions west of the attack to give supporting fires. In late afternoon 68 called for our A which was attached to them to make contact with their Infantry in Rittershoffen. This information was reported to C Co and they readily accepted the additional fire power in the assault. Infantry continued to receive heavy mortar and artillery fire but it was soon neutralized by our own counter battery. At 1800 orders received from higher headquarters were to pull Bn minus A to east edge of Neiderbetschdorf and A-48 to vicinity of Kuhlendorf, their previous location. This was accomplished after coordinated plans with supporting Infantry dug in west of Rittershoffen to protect against a possible breakthrough. Outposts were established by B, C, D each flanking Neider and all possible routes of enemy attack. Rear CP remained in Surbourg.

DATE: January 12, 1945.
PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, France.
TROOPS: 48 (-) A, B-68, A-68, 500.
ACTION: Field order for the following day was issued: Enemy occupies south edge of Rittershoffen and unknown parts of Hatten, probably has tanks or anti-tank guns at both places. He may also have antitank defenses south of Hatten. Friendly troops hold west edge of Rittershoffen and unknown part of Hatten. Woods south are partly occupied by friendly troops extent to east unknown. CCA attacks at 0750 to assist in restoring main LR, 48th on right, 68 on left. 48th attacks south edge of Rittershoffen at 0750. B-68 attached will initially attack with armor in support. A-48 on north of Rittershoffen under control of 68 as yet remained in their present position being committed only on orders from 68. Reconnaissance of the area and vicinity to be attacked which was made by patrols the night before revealed that enemy strong points could be expected as fire was drawn from edge of woods and vicinity of railroad. Although friendly troops were suppose to be occupying woods to the south, no contact had been made and enemy had been reported instead.

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Companies in 48th with their mission for the day: B-48 move from assembly area in woods south of Rittershoffen at 0800 to take positions SE Rittershoffen to cut Rittershofen-Hatten road by fire.

C-48 attacks SE part Rittershoffen with B-68 through town.

D-48 protect right flank and rear of attacking elements.

Operations of 48th as written by S-3: 48th moved due east to attack at 0750. Artillery concentration fell on objective from 0750-0805. B-48 moved across LD at 0750, maneuverimd rapidly to the right flank and brought fire on the objective southeast edge Rittershoffen, by 0800. Attached Inf Co moved up near objective but did not advance further beaause of enemy fire. C-48 moved in rear of infantry to support by fire. Fire of B-48 was lifted on order of Bn CO at 0840 and infantry assaulted objective, was repulsed by small arms fire. D-48 had moved into position on south flank to cover flank and rear, continued in this mission until 1650. B-48 remained in position south of objective ready to support with fire by order until 1700. From 1100 until 1300 one section of B-48 was engaged in maneuvering close in to right side of objective. Section lost one tank destroyed, the other two withdrew to company position on order. C-48 continued to support with fire from close range the entire day. One tank, C-48, lost by anti-tank fire.

At 1650 D-48 moved on order rapidly due east flanking Rittershoffen and Hatten, firing upon south edge Hatten. B-48 covered advance of D-48 by intense fire upon Hatten until 1700. At that time the bulk of B-48 moved to accompany D-48 continuing its fire upon Hatten. At 1720 withdrawal of D-48 and B-48 to outpost positions at Neiderbetschdorf began, being completed by 1920. Resupply completed during night.

During the day the rear CP was called up and ordered to establish their headquarters in the near vicinity of the forward CP.

Platoon C-94 was attached to 48th for such missions as patrol duty and additional ground security.

DATE: January 13, 1945.
PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, France.
TROOPS: 48th plus A-68, 1-C-94
ACTION: The continued operations for the battalion coordinated troops in that vicinity was started at 0800: S-3 notes:

CO-ordinated attack of 48th Tk Bn, 68th Armd Inf Bn., and 3rd Bn of 315 Inf Regt started at 0800.. C-48 with B-68 and 1A-68 moved forward fighting from house to house. Attack progressed slow but steady until 1000 when one tank was knocked out as it approached the church.

The movement was slowed down until approximately 1800 when house tohouse fighting continued again.

B-48 took firing positions along south side of Rittershoffen-Hatten road in position able to cut road with fire.

D-48 took up flank firing position in the vicinity of southwest corner of town.

Defense positions for the night were established by all companies by 1930. Patrols were established contacting CCR on right and 68 on left.

A counter-attack by flame throwing German tanks and some infantry started at 2130. Counter-attack was contained within hour by massed artillery directed jointly by the Battalion CO and Artillery Liaison officer.

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DATE: January 14, 1945.
PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, Rittershoffen, Hatten, France.
TROOPS: 48th, 1-A-68, B-68.
ACTION: Operations today consisted primarily of a defensive nature with the purpose of holding the ground taken yesterday in Rittershoffen and retaking those small sectors of town lost during last nights counterattack.

B-48 again had the mission of cutting the Rittershoffen-Hatten road with fire from positions southeast of Rittershoffen. They reached this position by 1030. At 1110 B Co fired on enemy infantry effectively at southeast edge of town.

D-48 again took firing positions along right flank of town with position of protective fire.

All elements of 1-A-68 and B-68 were regrouped under the command of 1st Lt ~~Keeno~~ Kinholz who resumed mission of clearing assigned sector of town.

At 1415 a counterattack consisting of tanks and infiltrating infantry approached our positions. Our supporting artillery and direct fire of B-48 from their assigned positions contained the counter-attack so that by 1500 the situation was under control. Assault Gun Platoon and Mortar Platoon, 48th Tk Bn supported artillery fire on counter-attack.

Plan for defense of position were put into effect by 1900.

Orders were also received that a mine field would be laid by the 125th Engrs across the front of the 14th AD sector and the most forward elements. Overlays from CCA were received showing approximate location of field and this was distributed to all companies that they might immediately become familiar with the plans.

A brief note from CO CCA commending the 48th and supporting troops was received covering the past few days operations.

Intermittent enemy artillery was received in the vicinity of the Bn CP on several days and some coming very close shattering several windows and causing one death and three casualities across the street in Hq Co.

The supporting artillery (500) gave excellent cooperations to all calls for registrations and was instrumental in repelling several enemy counterattacks against our forces.

DATE: January 15, 16, 17, 1945.
PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, Rittershoffen, Hatten, France.
TROOPS, 48th, 1-A-68, B-68, 500.
ACTIONS: During the next two days the operations consisted partially of a defensive or holding mission. Armor was deployed into position in and around the village of Rittershoffen with the prime mission of holding the ground which had been taken and to repell any enemy thrusts they might undertake. Due to the shortage of tanks and personnel through enemy action this was about the extent that our troops could be utilized. Several enemy thrusts were attempted and all repelled by supporting artillery and direct fire from our tanks. Infantry were dug in in holding positions but due to their heavy casualty list, their combined forces (armor and infantry) could not be used otherwise.

Operations of 48th for 17th by S-3: A-48 moved at 0700 to assembly area NW Rittershoffen, prepared to swing N of Rittershoffen with A-315 to capture high ground immediately NE of Rittershoffen. Mission of A-315 was changed in early afternoon to assist B-315 in direct assault on NW end of Rittershoffen.

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A-48 supported this attack; the attack received heavy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, and AT fire. Attack was unsuccessful resulting in one tank disabled in A-48. A-48 was withdrawn at darkness to assembly area east of Kuhlendorf.

B-48 continued to support directly holding operations of 68 and 3-315 in town of Rittershoffen. C-48 moved to position SE of Rittershoffen to cut Rittershoffen-Hatten road by tank fire, encountered desultory enemy fire, was withdrawn to assembly area E of Neiderbetschdorf at darkness.

D-48 covered right flank and rear of Bn until withdrawn at darkness to assembly area E of Neiderbetschdorf.

Security and outposts were immediately established for the night.

DATE: January 18,19, 1945.
PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, Rittershoffen, France.
TROOPS: No Change.
ACTION: Operations for 18th consisted mainly of being on the alert to move east to repel any counter-attack the enemy might try. A-48 posted two tanks on the Kuhlendorf-Rittershoffen road with balance of company in reserve B-48 furnished support on west edge of Rittershoffen to the 315 and 68 and C and D posted tanks on the Neiderbetschdorf-Rittershoffen road with the balance of their tanks in reserve all on immediate call in case of expected counterattack.

Orders received at 1315 from CC A to make attack by fire on north flank of Rittershoffen from 1400 to 1500 with 1 platoon A-48. These orders were given to A-48 CO and to the 500 artillery at 1345. The platoon moved into position and began to fire at 1445 and continued to assault with fire until 1515. Fire was placed on bldgs on northwest edge of Rittershoffen with HE and APC. HE was fired on superquick into trees around northwest edge of town. Cal 30 was fired on approaches to town and into buildings. Positive effects hard to determine but several buildings were destroyed or burned

Some high velocity AT fire was received by the platoon during the action. The delay was due to the intense artillery falling in platoon assembly area. Thechange in time was coordinated with the 315 Infantry who had troops in the zone of action.

Outposts of tanks on roads leading from Rittershoffen were established and contact made by patrols each hour during the night.

DATE: January 20,21, 1945.
PLACE: Neiderbetschdorf, France.
TROOPS: 48th,
ACTION: Little activity was noted during the 20th with only light artillery and mortar fire received. No contact with the enemy was made with our most forward elements. Late in the afternoon the Bn CO was called to CCA and on his return the Bn was informed that we would furnish the rear guard for the entire 14th AD in a withdrawal through the Hagenau forest to the vicinity of Wintzenheim where a new MLR would be established.
This movement under possible enemy infiltration was a mission with grave responsibility on the part of the Bn Commander. After a thorough discussion with staff and intense planning officers of the Bn plus attachments needed for the maneuver were called in and an all night briefing was held.

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All light vehicles and maintenance crews and company headquarters began the withdrawal late the night of the 20th and by 0500 the 21st nothing but the armor and Bn Hqs were left. Coordinated plans with demolition squads, infantry and tanks were made. This consisted of preparations for the blowing of bridges, trees prepared for felling, road blocks and the like and the close coordination that Infantry and Engineers would be picked up by our tanks just prior to the time demolitions would be set off.

B-48 was under Infantry control and withdrew under their command. C-48 protecting the northing sector near Kuhlendorf withdrew thru Schwabwiller. A-48 protecting the rear of the Bn was initially assembled east of Neiderbetschdorf and was the last unit to withdraw. D-48 took up a position in vicinity of Soultz and furnished protection against possible breakthrough. All withdrawals by our forces were closely coordinated with the Engineers seeing that no bridges were blown or road blocks set up before our tanks had passed such critical points.

Bn Hqs withdrew by bounds; first setting up temporary CP at Schwabwiller for approximately two hours; then on word from the Bn CO, proceeded to the south edge of Surbourg awaiting further orders from Bn CO and CCA. Traffic was congested all along the route through the Hageunau forest and could have resulted into a serious situation due to the conditions of the roads being extremely slippery had the enemy had knowledge of the movement.

With the 48th having the situation well in hand, orders from CCA came through to begin the withdrawal of our most rear elements; this was accomplished with great success and by late afternoon, our companies had pulled out from their assigned positions thru the forest and continued to march towards Wintzenheim.

Under the excellent planning and intelligence and cool determination of our Bn CO to accomplish this difficult operations, great praise must be bestowed upon him for the success and accomplishment of the mission.

At 1700 the Bn CP closed into Wintzenheim and all units had closed into their respective towns with security and outposts immediately set up.

DATE: January 22-31, 1945.
PLACE: Wintzenheim, Lupstein, France.
TROOPS: 48th
ACTION: For the next ten days hard work lay ahead for the men; maintenance of weapons and vehicles was of prime importance always with the possibility of alert orders being received. In order of priority units were ordered to initiate the following program: A positive program to insure repair, maintenance and replacement of weapons, vehicles and individual clothing and equipment. Provide a recreation and rehabilitation program for troops recently in combat. Continue training and orientation of replacements. Initiate training pgogram outlined in previous Operations Memorandums.

Administrative matters took on a new zest for now the work for future operations, decorations, security, communications, training required by higher headquarters called for much paper work and men were constantly busy with their duties.

B-48 was assigned to 62 Inf and moved under their control.

The 23rd a review was arranged for men receiving awards and a visit by the Commanding General was announced to do the decorating.

Reconnaissance was immediately instituted for possible routes of advance to the north in the event of a move against the enemy. Alternate plans and routes as prescribed by CCA were reconnoitered and overlays submitted.

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VI Corps conducted a lecture on security by one of their officers stressing importance of escaping early in the event of capture.

Company commanders meeting was held and several points were discussed. Security, commissioning of enlisted men, training of reinforcements and briefing of the immediate fronts.

On the 25th The Bn moved to Lupstein where outposts were established and various headquarters set up. Line companies took up positions in the surrounding villages and training and maintenance was continued.

Movies and shows were provided for the men.

Shower points were established by higher headquarters and all personnel given the opportunity to wash cloths and general police.

Pay Day as usual on the last day of the month and facilities for the men to send money home were provided.

During the month several promotions were made in the organizations:

Pfc Arnold F Smith, Hq Co to T/5
Sgt Nathan P Iglitz, B Co to T/Sgt.
Cpl Stewart W. McConville, Hq Co to Sgt.
T/5 John A Runberg Hq Co to Cpl
Pfc Frankie H Finck, Hq Co to T/5
Pfc Thomas B. Ferrell, Hq Co to T/5
Pfc Stanley L. Malak, Hq Co to T/5
Pfc Harold H. Daykin, Hq Co to T/5
Pfc Bernard M. Pietrowiak, Hq Co to Cpl
Pfc Bobby O Schulz, A Co to Cpl
Pvt Harold C. Stone, A Co to Cpl
Pfc Paul Pryor, A Co, to T/5
Pfc Thomas G. Smith, A Co, to T/5
Pvt Walter Lester, A Co, to T/5
Pfc Charles W. Redpath, Bn Hq, to T/5
Pfc Arnold W. Geiss, D Co, to T/5
T/5 Palmer L. Perkins, D Co, to T/4
Sgt Wm E. McCauley, A Co, to S/Sgt
Pfc James M Kuszmaul, D Co to Sgt
T/4 Herman L Magnuson, D Co to Sgt
T/4 George Grocholski, D Co to Sgt.
Cpl Wilbur J Kramer, A Co, to Sgt
Pfc Joseph E Jones, A Co, to Sgt
Cpl John L Hopkins, A Co, to Sgt
T/5 Felix P. Bilski, A Co, to T/4
T/5 Philip T. Phelps, D Co, to T/4
T/5 Paul A. Hienton, D Co, to T/4
Pfc Alan A. Traub, D Co, to T/4
Pvt Donald G. Benner, A Co, to Cpl
Pfc Franklin J. McGrane, A Co, to Cpl
Pvt Norman M. Kirman, A Co, to Cpl
Pvt Earl Jabaay, A Co, to T/5
Pfc Henry M. Kucharski, D Co, to T/5
Sgt Jerry Holl, D Co, to T/Sgt

Changes in Staff personnel were as follows: Capt James O Witt, S-2 who was wounded in action was replaced by 1st Lt. Victor S. Greenebaum. Major George W. England was transferred to the 94th Cav. Rcn Sq. as CO. His position being taken over by Major James Studer. Capt A. O. Kingsley was transferred from Div Hqs to the position of S-3. Capt Jack B. Hammons, CO of Hq Co was transferred to the Ln Off position to CCA from this Hqs and 2nd Lt Gerald Collins was appointed Communications officer.

Award, Posthumously of the Bronze Star Medal was made to S/Sgt Samuel E. Boyden for heroic achievement in action near Donon, France 24 November 44.

Award of the Bronze Star Medal by the Commanding General of the 14th was made to the following enlisted men:
Elton C. Ross, D Co; George H. Ross, D Co; Everett A. Cureman, Co B; Lloyd F. Lynch, Serv Co; Raymond D. Manwaring, Serv Co; Edward R. Salzetti, Serv Co; Hugh C. Bailey, Serv Co; Raymond L. Moran, Serv Co;

Award of the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart was made to Walter C. Souder, Co A;.

Purple Heart awards to: Lloyd B. Hutt, Co A; Eugene R. Simons, Co C; Eugene P. Nosal, Co A; Robert D. Baker, Co A;

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ORGANIZATION HQ 9th JK Bn

FROM 010001 JAN 45

TO 012400 JAN 45

PLACE Bulligen France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0130	call from CCA that flank counter attack was made by enemy on 15 Cav front.	
			0600	call from CCA. Bn alerted to be ready to ~~move~~ at daylight.	
			0700	Bn put on 30 minute alert. Portion called of f all Co's notified. Sn Cpl on office reported to C.P.	
			0900	Order received from C.C.A via Sn Off.	
			0928	order given to Co. C.O.'s - read order given orally	
			1145	Bn C.P. closed at Bulligen	
			1145	Bn C.P. opened in Column	
			1555	Bn closed in area at 1545 location of C.P. at Bulligen	Msg to C.C.A

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(To be submitted to Hq CCA, 14th AD by 2100 for each day's operation)
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From: 010001 DEC.
To: 012400 DEC.

HQ. 48 TK BN
LORENTZEN, FR.

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Maps: SAARE UNION, SARREGEMINES, BITCHE, BOUXWILLER SHEET
SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
BN ALERTED, 30 MINUTE ALERT, AT 0600. MOVED TO LORENTZEN FRANCE CLOSING AT 1545

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
MARCH SUCCESSFUL

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	3			
"A" Co	M4 (75)	10	1		
	M4 (76)	5			
	M4 (105)	1			
"B" Co	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	9		1	
	M4 (105)	1			
"C" Co	M4 (75)	11		1	
	M4 (76)	5			
	M4 (105)	1			
"D" Co	M5 (37)	16	1	1	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	28	1	1	
	M4 (76)	21		1	
	M4 (105)	6			
	M5 (37)	16	1	1	

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #16.

1. 68 establish holding position on commanding ground in present sector using AT, AG, Mortars, Cal 50, Cal 30 MGs and S/A weapons for close in defense. Mission of 68 to establish center of resistance from which tanks can maneuver attacking from South, Southwest, or East through 68's position.

Disposition of 68 to hold a fixed defense so tanks can attack.

68 can expect to lose C-48 because tanks will be used in mass.

Reconnoiter road system to South, Southeast of present position to East boundary of XV Corps because if enemy attacks through woods, AT and Bazookas of 68 may be ordered to East against flank of such an attack. In that event 48 could be expected to attack on its right along TIEFFENBACH-INGWILLER rd and the next road north of it.

68 be prepared to drop back to alternate positions vic SCHMIDTVILLE, similiar to position in the RAHLING area, to repell counterattack.

2. 48 conduct rcn to attack Northeast astride RAHLING rd through 68 or to attack from flanks across the front of 68 from East or West. It will also reconnoiter the TIEFFENBACH rd, WALDHOMBACH rd (both branches), and the SOUCHT rd East to the Corps Boundary, to be prepared to attack the west flank of an enemy penetration moving South through the woods.

48 will similiarly reconnoiter for tank attack operations from the South, West, and East based on 68 defensive plans vic SCHMIDTVILLE.

3. 501 prepare plans and select positions from which to support these operations and arrange for reinforcing fires from Corp Arty.

501 will be prepared to support either operation.

4. Hot breakfast will be served prior daylight.

Resupply tonight and refill empty vehicles.

Service companies less maint, three trucks each of gasoline and ammunition, clear DIEMERIGNEN for old bivouac area prior to 0700 2 Jan scheduled by S-4 CCA.

5. Current SOI in effect. Listening watch.

CP CCA DIEMERINGEN.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION

2300, 1 January 1945

FIELD ORDER (Issued Orally)

1. a. 2nd DB relieves CCA present area effective 0600, 2 January 1945. No detailed arrangement of relief between CCA and 2nd DB.

b. CCA moves to vicinity Ingwiller morning 2 January 1945 rejoining 14 AD

2. 48th Tk Bn heads column, CCA
Order of March:

1-C-94
A-48
Bn Hq
Hq Co
A-68
B-48
2-C-125
Serv-48
Combat Tns
Bn Maint
D-48

Route: Diemeringen, Durstel, Drullingen, Metting, Hangbiller, Eschbaurg, Dussenheim, Neuwiller, NE on IC 73 to Niedersaultzbach, Ingwiller.

Interval: 30 minutes between march serials, 10 minutes between march units.

3. a. C-125(-) w/detach MP attached will mark route and sand where necessary.

b. Co's will use sand from bags on tanks if considered necessary enroute, refill at assembly area.

4. Kitchens move w/Co's

5. a. CP opens _____ at _____

b. Listening posts only, radio.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
Drullingen, France

0900, 1 January 1945

FIELD ORDER (Issued Orally)

1. XXX

2. 48th Bn marches to assembly area vicinity Larentzon prepared to counterattack and destroy several small groups simultaneously or large groups of armor using full strength between east boundary XV Corps and Sarre River.

Troops: 1- C-94
A- 48
A- 68
B-4 8
D- 48
2-C-125
Bn CO party & Eng Off
Hq Co- 48
Combat Tns
Bn Maint

Route: Drullingen, Durstel, Adamswiller, Lorentzon
Follow Hq CCA no distance, liaison by 1-C-94 to follow Hq CCA

3. All units maintain OP's on high ground at assembly area using 300 series radios where necessary.

4. Kitchens to Combat Tns, brought forward for hot meal supper.

5. (a) Bn CP, Lorentzon
(b) Radio listening posts only.

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

Hq 14 AD
1 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 27

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: little activity. 40-50 vehicles reported in HERNGY. Enemy building up there.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Activity picked up at midnight. Group of 25 paratroopers reported dropped in vic BISCHWILLER (R-0818). Estimate of enemy strength:

Unit	On Line	Reserve
TF HUDELSON	1700	1800
45th Div	1900	1800
79th Div	2400	400
	6000	4000

TF LINDEN - Minor activity. TF HERREN - Enemy aircraft exchanged signals with ground personnel vic R-128115 at 2310A and vic R-125125 at 0200A. Seven man patrol taken under fire vic BISCHWILLER at 0200A. 79th Div - Enemy activity negligible. PW stated that the 26th Div pulled out from front of 79th Div and moved N, possibly moving into TF HUDELSON's area. 45th Div - Movements of various groups and vehicles reported S of BUNDENTHAL (R-0555), probably build up of enemy strength. Enemy active around Hill 469 (R-145540). Enemy patrol activity in NEUNHOFFEN (Q-9146) area reported early this morning. Enemy launched a 3 company attack in NEUNHOFFEN area against "F" Co 157 Regt and 62 AIB. PW, 1st Bn 481 Regt 256 Div, claims div attacking on 10 km front. TF HUDELSON - At 0200A enemy launched a strong attack SE. Attack was supported by SA, mortar, Arty fire. The attack was preceded by vehicular movement in BITCHE area and aggressive patrolling. Attack S of BITCHE overran two plats 117 Cav. Attack S of EGUELSHARDT (Q-821468) penetrated to line Q-815442 to BANNSTEIN, hit plat engrs at Q-815442 in rear and left flank. Each attack believed originally Bn strength (300 men). BAERENTHAL received 60-70 rounds estimated 105s at 1130A. 1127 Regt of 559 Div identified. Possibility of 256 Div N of sector. Also possibility of 559 Div in sector. Their mission is to seize high ground overlooking HAGENAU woods.

XV Corps: Enemy activity increased at midnight. Possibility of a major attack in this Corps zone. Enemy exerting pressure along entire front. PWs taken claim that attack begins today with four panzer Divs. Estimation of enemy strength 5600 on line, 7300 in reserve, 100-150 tanks.

c. Counter-Offensive In the North: Stubborn enemy resistance continued along entire III Corps front with enemy sensitive to our pressure S of WILTZ. WILTZ area 9 VG Div launched a counterattack--repulsed. Enemy counterattack against corridor to BASTOGNE at LUBREBOIS (P-5653) stopped with loss of 15 tanks to enemy. 3 PG, 15 PG, 26 VG Divs have moved around to western side of BASTOGNE and elements of these Divs have attacked strongly at CHENOGNE (P-4857) but gained no ground. Infiltration tactics have been tried on both sides of

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
APO 446, U. S. ARMY

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M-O-N-T-H-L-Y R-E-P-O-R-T

DATE: January 1, 1945.
PLACE: Drulingen, France.
TROOPS: 48 (-) 1-C-94, A-88, 2-C-125.
ACTION: To begin the new year, this Bn after spending several days in a status of reserve of 15th Corp was alerted because of a suspected counter attack to the north of Drulingen. No companies were actually alerted to move but Hqs were notified that orders could be expected at any time.

at 0600 CC A Hqs called by phone and alerted us to move on moments notice to area to be designated. Ln officers were called and received the march order from the Bn CO on his return from higher headquarters. 48th Bn marches to assembly area vicinity Lorentzen prepared to counterattack and destroy several small groups simultaneously or large groups of armor using full strength between east boundary XV Corps and Sarre River.

At 1145 the CP closed at Drulingen and opened on the road. (march order and allied papers will be filed with log for day).

During the march the only activity noted was two enemy planes possibly attempting to strafe the column but were beat off by surrounding AA units and our own weapons.

The Bn closed in the vicinity of Lorentzen and Hqs set up in town.

Almost on arrival at our assembly area, further orders were received that this Bn would be relieved by the 2nd DB in present area. No detailed arrangements were specified on the switch of units but on closing in our area company commanders were called and the plans for movement and return to VII Corp area were discussed.

Message from CC A by Ln Off advised this Hqs that Bn plus attachments would move on the morning of the 2nd to the vicinity of Ingwiller France rejoing the 14th AD.

The town of Lorentzen being filled with other troops, our personnel was forced to bivouac in the outskirts of town to spend the night.

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DATE: January 2, 1945.
PLACE: Neuwiller, France.
TROOPS: 48(-) A-88
ACTION; At 0630 company commanders were called and the march order issued for the Bn to march to the vicinity of Reidheim rejoining the 14th AD in this sector. 0912 the CP closed at Lorentzen and opened up on the road. After much congestion at a critical crossroads in the outskirts of town, in conjunction with the movement of the 2nd DB coming into town, the Bn and attached unit moved to their newly assigned area.

During the march orders were received that a new mission had been assigned . 1348 the CP opened in Reidhem and the company commanders were immediately called to issue the new field order. The new mission called for outposting in the vicinity of Neuwiller with preventing the enemy from infiltration from the woods to the north.

The 48th moved immediately at 1645 to Neuwiller closing there at 2000 where security and outposts were established for the night.

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corridor by enemy. At MOIRCY (P-3757) a strong counterattack was dispersed. SS troops and enemy outposts were met SW of ST HUBERT. Elements of 130 Pz Div reported to be still in ST HUBERT area. 2 Pz Div and 11 Pz Div still out of contact. 6 Pz Army has moved somewhat to W and is generally concentrated in the MARCHE (P-3183) — HOTTON (P-3788) — GRANDMENIL (P-5290) area. PWs report it increasingly difficult to come up to the front because of rail interdiction W of RHINE.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. German Preparations for Chemical Warfare: Since Allied forces have been operating on German soil, a marked change has taken place in the consciousness of the average German soldier, of the possibilities of chemical warfare. Whereupon as recently as three months ago, German soldiers rarely even considered the possibility of gas warfare, it now appears that many of the PWs passing through the cage are very much afraid that Hitler, in a desperate last try, might invite an unlimited chemical warfare. This is significant. Even if taking in consideration that these men were deliberately selected for the survey because they held C&S functions in the German Army and for that reason may tend to accentuate certain facts out of "professional pride" one can still not help out "Check one's gasmask" if out of 359 PWs interrogated, 276 considered it quite likely that Germany would take the offensive in poison gas warfare.

A more intensified training of both troops and civilians, and items like the bag for small children squarely bring up a question as formulated by PW ZAHNLEITER: "Why would the German High Command tax an already strained industry with the production of these items if it did not deem them necessary." Unless Germany is preparing for an Allied gas attack, it seems not unlikely, as 276 PWs attested to, that Germany's madmen at least are toying with the idea of using gas as a fall of its leaders. (100th Inf Div) (Source: FUSA)

b. New Type Shell: Possible use of Pulverized Glass in Artillery Shells: War Department information reveals that the Germans may soon use artillery shells that will release pulverized glass on explosion. The information does not indicate the size or character of the particles of glass, and definite information is not yet available as to the effect of various sized particles.

Extremely fine particles would cause a dust cloud to be formed which would have a masking effect somewhat like smoke. A short-time exposure to this type of cloud would probably be no more dangerous than the hazard suffered by workers in an industry such as granite or stone cutting. Information from another source gives slight indication that this fine cloud would be used by the Germans to overload the mechanical filter of the present gas mask and thus render it useless. However, it is felt that this is a false assumption since the present mechanical filter has a long life against fine solid particles. The mask now carried by the troops would give absolute protection against any choking or irritating effect that these very fine particles might have on an unprotected person.

Slightly larger particles might conceivably cause some damage by irritation of the skin, especially around collars, cuffs, the waistline and crotch. Particles of, say, the size of a pinhead or larger would cause superficial cuts and abrasions and make eye damage the real danger. The range over which such small particles could be dispersed with any appreciable velocity is negligible.

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Particles approaching ordinary shell splinters in size would have considerable velocity and also be capable of causing fairly severe casualties. This has been demonstrated by the large number of casualties caused by flying glass as a result of the V-1 explosions. However, protection from most of this type of fragment is rendered by relatively light cover and even by heavy clothing.

Intelligence agencies should be alert for the first appearance of these shells or the capture of artillery dumps containing this type of shell. (Source: Seventh Army G-2 Info Bulletin No. 42).

c. Weather: 2 Jan - Low broken to overcast with light intermittent snow showers in morning and in late evening. Visibility 5-9 miles except 2-4 miles in showers. Wind Westerly 8-12 mph. Minimum temperature 26 degrees F.

3 Jan - Low broken to overcast in morning becoming scattered to broken in afternoon. Rain and snow showers in morning. Visibility 5-6 miles. Wind Westerly 8-10 mph. Minimum temperature 28 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period - 8
Total PWs to date - 795

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 020001 JAN 45

TO 022400 JAN 45

PLACE NEUWILLER, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0630	Alert of Bn for movement to rejoin Div. - C.O.D	To CO CCO.
			0800	Jerk water issued	
			0912	C.P. closed at ~~Redheim~~ Karenzan	
			0912	C.P. opened in village	
			1348	Bn C.P. opened in Redheim	
			1606	order received from C.C.D to move to via Neuwiller	To Co. C.O.
			1645	C.P. closed at Redheim	
			1645	C.P. opens Bn column	
			2000	C.P. opens at Neuwiller	

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS #18.

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1. Enemy is infiltrating from North and has ~~reached~~ vic REIPERTSWILLER.

2. CCA organizes out posts to prevent enemy exit or infiltration from passes or woods in zone INGWILLER (excl) - DOSSENHEIM. It also organizes outposts around BOUXWILLER to prevent infiltration and to provide adequate warning of attack - sector overlay.

3. a. 68 with 1 plat C-125 attached outposts its sector, detect and defeat any attempted enemy infiltration from woods to NW or thru its flanks. Do not commit C-48 and one rifle company without authority this headquarters.

b. 48 move at once to NEUWILLER - GRIESBACH, outposts assigned sector, meet and defeat any attempted enemy infiltration from woods to West or around flanks. Do not commit either Med Tk Co without authority this headquarters.

c. C-94 relieved from attachment 48 and 68. Move at once to BOUXWILLER. Organize outpost around BOUXWILLER to prevent infiltration and to provide adequate warning of attack.

d. 501 move at once vic REIDHEIM. Occupy positions to support both Bns, reaching the line 790325 - 750294 - 735229. No registration. Complete surveys and preparation for fire without delay to include immediate defense of BOUXWILLER.

e. C-125(-) (move vic BOUXWILLER) assist Bns in preparation of Rd blocks. Be prepared to assembly on 2 hours notice to assist, under command of C-94 in defense of BOUXWILLER.

4. Separately.

5. CP CCA, BOUXWILLER.

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Prepare roads for blocks - Trees W.T. rd.
Holes for mines

1 Gas Truck

1 Ev. Bofuiller C-136

Service Co remind in Block

Listening Stevens Radio

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From: 020001 JAN 45
To: 022400 JAN 45

HQ. 48 TK BN.
NEUWILLER, FR.

No.

Maps: BOUXWILLER SHEET 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
BN MARCHED FROM LORENTZEN, FR. TO REJOIN DIVISION, AT RIEDHEIM AND ILLMBSHEIM. BN ALERTED TO MOVE TO NEUWILLER - GRIESBACH AND MOVED AT 1645. ESTABLISHED OUTPOSTS IN EASTERN SECTOR OF WOODS.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
MARCHES SUCCESSFUL.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	3			
"A" Co	M4 (75)	10	1		
	M4 (76)	6			
	M4 (105)	1			
"B" Co	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	9		1	
	M4 (105)	1			
"C" Co	M4 (75)	11		1	
	M4 (76)	5			
	M4 (105	1			
"D" Co	M5 (37)	16	1	1	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	28	1	1	
	M4 (76)	22		1	
	M4 (105)	6			
	M5 (37)	16	1	1	

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NOTE, 5 TKS WITH 7TH ARMY DRIVING SCHOOL

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Hq 12 AD
2 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 26.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Pressure continues along BITCHE - DAMBACH front, particularly vic BARENTHAL and PHILIPSBOURG. TF LINDEN - Sector quiet during night. TF HARRIN - Dispersed 6 man enemy patrol at M2019 at 0140A. 79th Div - Enemy arty light and scattered during night. Patrol reported 15 enemy in OBER-OTTERBACH. Ey patrol of 18 men contacted W bank RHINE vic M315365. 45th Div - Strong pressure on left flank during night. Ey still held BARRENTHAL and employed arty against our forces attempting to enter town. 2 tks reported in town. Hvy MG fire being received from N of BARRENTHAL vic 4842 where AOP reported 2 - 500 ey yesterday afternoon. During night ey infiltrated est 70 men behind our lines vic 4643 (NW PHILIPPSBOURG). DAMBACH now clear of ey. Some attempts to infiltrate town last night - stopped. Vehicular activity in NUENHOFFEN (4914G) and vic early in night. 3 tks moved N at 1810A. Vehicular activity early evening vic 4945462. OBERSTEINBACH (4964S) lightly shelled during night. Right sector of Div quiet. Patrol found KAPSWEYER clear of ey. At 0630 today ey had infiltrated some troops into edge of PHILIPSBOURG. TF Rudelson - Ey attacked down BARRENTHAL-ZINSWILLER road last night. I & R platoon 19 AIB ambushed. No other contact last night. Nothing to west. Ey building up N of REIPERTSWILLER. This morning an ey attack on 2-3 km front with 2 cos and SP guns 2 km N of REIPERTSWILLER was contained. 20 ey and 2 tks were observed at 731394 at 0950A. 2 attacks of Inf and tanks at 749471. FU claims their push in this area to be supported today by air in strength. 20 - 25 ey tks at 783379 at 1030A--road from that point to REIPERTSWILLER blocked by tks and road blocks. CP 94th strafed by 2 ey planes at 1020, knocked down a friendly cub plane. At 1130 Corps stated ey had been reported at 728350. At 1230 A-94th reported one parachute dropped their vic--investigated and found anti-radar window.

XV Corps: WINGASSEN (4317S) clear of enemy. HOSTNBACH (4327S) occupied by the enemy. 12lst Cav Sq repulsed 5 counterattacks vic VOLKLINGEN (4733G). 100th Div receiving heavy pressure all along the line.

b. Third US Army:

Enemy resistance stiffening along S flank of ARDENNES salient. Ey digging in along front. The BASTOGNE salient resisted ey C/As. Ey lost 67 tanks.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Aviation. Ey air attacked allied air fields yesterday in an effort to neutralize allied air superiority. 250 - 350 ey German fighters in all. A total of 158 were destroyed by our planes and AA.

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b. QB. Identifications taken in drive thru TF HUDELSON sector have been both 256 and 361 VG Div, the 256 to the right, the 361 to the left. Neither Div is considered first rate. Reports from defenders at BAERENTHAL indicate possibility they were doped up. PWs taken 30 Dec at 79 Div front claimed 256 was pulling out to move north and that the defenses in the BIENWALD are being manned b. VOLKSTURM (usually 3 days training), moving in since 26 Dec. Corps reports hvy RR movement from LANDAU to PIRMASENS (Q9066), believes this might be more of 21 Pz Div. If so, this and more of 256 VG Div would relatively uncover WISSEMBOURG Gap and BIENWALD, but would be a threat to our VOSGES posns. 11 Pz Div never identified in ARDENNES push- may still be in 7th Army sector.

c. 105 Pz Brigade. Interrogation of an enemy officer PW from a "Jeep Party" of EINHEIT STIELAU reveals the following information:

(1) There exists the 105 Panzer Brigade in addition to the 30 Jeep loads of disguised Germans now operating in the First US Army areas.

(2) This Panzer Brigade is a special armored unit also formed to operate behind our lines. All tanks, scout cars, vehicles, half-tracks, etc., are either captured US vehicles complete with US markings, or German tanks built up with wooden structures and considerable camouflaging to be like US tanks from a distance, or to operate at night.

(3) The mission of this special brigade is: At a decisive period during the current operations, to create chaos, panic and confusion in our rear areas as well as capturing certain key points, (e.g. Bridges). They are to hide in forests during the day and conduct their movement at night or just at last light. They operate with advancing spearheads of armored divisions in some cases and it is believed that this has already occurred in the VIII US Corps Sector. The "Panic" procedure is to spread wild stories to our units as they speed past, shouting "that the Germans are only a few thousand yards behind them". To retreat along our vital main roads blocking traffic by turning around or simulating breakdowns. The units of 105 Panzer Brigade also operate in conjunction with the "Jeep" parties of EINHEIT STIELAU.

(4) It is definitely known that these troops identify themselves to each other by the use of a blue flashlight and slant or raising the right arm in the air. The reply to this challenge is the left arm elevated to the head and slant or red light.

(5) It is believed that tanks of the 105 Panzer Brigade carry the letter "X", "Y", or "Z" on the bow, but this as yet has not been actually confirmed. (Source: VI Corps).

d. Weather: 3 Jan - High and middle clouds throughout day. Visibility 1 - 2 miles until 1100A due to fog improving to 5 - 6 miles after that. No precipitation. Wind NE 6 - 10mph. Min temp 16 degrees F.

e. Total PWs during period - 5
Total PWs to date - 800

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN

FROM 030001 JAN 45

TO 032400 JAN 45

PLACE RIEDHEIM FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			1215	Alert orders received from C.A. to move to Riedheim.	
			1300	C.O. Co's given march orders & F.O. verbally.	
			1345	Bn C.P. closes at Remwiller	
			1345	Bn C.P. opened in Columns	
			1410	Bn C.P. opened in Riedheim.	
1700			1635	Bn parties rolled to CCA at 1800.	
		(1)		one Bn of 953 Sen. Reg't located at top of hill at 779356 at 1825	
		(2)	2130	12 Reg't of 6 lbs. Mot Div in vicinity of Reipertswiller.	

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For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

S - 3 REPORT

From: 030001 DEC.
To: 032400 DEC.

HQ 48 TK BN
RIEDHEIM, FR.

No. _____

Maps: BOUXWILLER SHEET 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
BN MOVED FROM NEUWILLER TO RIEDHEIM - INSHEIM CLOSING AT 1455
OUTPOSTS ESTABLISHED.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
Move successful

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	3			
"A" Co	M4 (75)	10	1		
	M4 (76)	5		1	
	M4 (105)	1			
"B" Co	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	8		2	
	M4 (105)	1			
"C" Co	M4 (75)	11		1	
	M4 (76)	5			1 W/68
	M4 (105)	1			1 Tk Dozer
"D" Co	M4 (75)	14	1	3	
	~~M4 (76)~~				
	~~M4~~				
TOTAL	M4 (75)	28	1	1	
	M4 (76)	22		3	
	M4 (105)	6			
	M5 (37)	14	1	3	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION

3 January 1945

FIELD ORDER (Issued Orally)

1. XXX

2. 48th moves to Reidheim, Imbsheim, Griesbach with mission of covering southern flank of CCA.

Troops:

Bn Hq
Hq Co
A-48
D-48
A-68

Interval: March by Co's
Time: First Co move as soon as ready

3.(a) Bn Hq & Hq Co to Reidheim.
(b) A-48 to Imbsheim
(c) B-48 remain Griesbach
(d) D-48 to Reidheim
(e) A-68 to Imbsheim
(f) Serv remain Imbsheim
(x)a) Line units outpost all roads leading out of assigned sectors
b) Biv parties proceed immed to reconnoiter positions assigned.
Meeting point for biv parties at RJ(784,222)

4. Kitchens & maint to accompany companies.

5. (a) Bn CP, Reidheim
(b) Listening posts only, radio

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HEADQUARTERS 14TH ARMORED DIVISION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. ARMY

3 January 1945 (13)

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

NUMBER 7:

1. Upon reassembling Division will be reorganized as follows:

CCA	CCB	CCR	DIV TNS	DIV ENS
Hq Co, CCA	Hq Co, CCB	Hq, CCR	Hq & Hq, (FB)	Hq 14 Tns
48	25	47	Hq & Hq Btry,	Hq, (Rn)
68	62	19	Div Arty	84
C-94	A-94	127#	499	136
Det 154	Det 154		500	Det Band
			501	154 (-)
			94 (-)	
			125	
			MP Plat	
			Band (-)	
			Det 154	

To be committed on Corps order.

2. Pending further orders, 47th Tk Bn will continue to reinforce CCB. CC's will assume control of other units as they revert to Div Control. Div Engr to be prepared to support Div in execution of mission. 94th Cav Rcn Sq (Mec) to be prepared to move to either flank. Div Tns to be moved in accordance with existing instructions.

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14TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 448 U.S.Army

3 January 1945

TO: Hq Co CCA
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1. a. Reconnaissance will be initiated of the assembly area indicated and the route thereto without delay.

b. Bivouac parties of units will assemble at this headquarters at 1600 today.

2. a. Reserves will be kept alert for movement to anyplace within the division zone on short notice.

b. Infantry will be used for close-in protection of tanks, or tank type vehicles that are disposed as a part of the defenses of the passes of the eastern VOSGES.

c. Positions of all weapons emplaced in these defenses will be checked carefully as to fields of fire and cover to insure that positions afford the best that are available for the execution of the missions.

d. Crews will be dug in to afford maximum protection for personnel.

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3 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 29.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Quiet. Small counterattack vic KEMBS (A 8598), near Swiss border, repulsed.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Enemy situation generally unchanged. Right sector of VOSGES action relatively quiet; active patrolling and infiltration on left. TF LINDEN - Truck movements vic BRUCKENDIENSGEB (R 1309). 79th Div - WISSEMBOURG bridge being interdicted with 150mm Arty, 1 rd each 15 minutes, during past 24 hours. No arty or mortar fire on front lines yesterday. RHINE R area very quiet. Lt harassing fire during night on front lines, concentration on BERG (R 3442) at 2200A. Eny patrol attacked outpost 1 Km N of BERG with mission (according to PW) to determine our strength vic BERG. TF HUDELSON and 45th Div - At noon yesterday, eny tanks were reported moving S on HITSCHE-LEMBERG road, 10-12 Tks on road 1 Km N of LEMBERG. Eny reported holding high ground to NE and SW of WILDENGUTH (Q 7837). Eny Inf contacted in WILDENGUTH. SARREINSBOURG (Q 7441) bombed and strafed at 1245A. Est Co attacked at roadblock in WILDENGUTH (Q 7837) at 1300A repulsed. Enemy mortars interdicted CR at REIPERTSWILLER all day. Small group eny attempted to infiltrate into REIPERTSWILLER from NW, fired on, some killed, rest withdrew. 3 German women soldiers in uniforms, draftsmen, taken by 62. There were at least 2 cases of civilian women sniping in BAERENTHAL. 2 PWs taken at REIPERTSWILLER yesterday--from 1 Co of 361st Engr Bn (361 VG Div) -- had preceded their unit there to get billets -- the unit was moving their CP there. At nightfall, eny still was infiltrating in OBERSTEINBACH (Q 9648) -- NEUNHOFFEN (Q 9146) area. Strong pressure continues in BAERENTHAL area. Eny offered only slight resistance to advance of Inf N of PHILIPPSBOURG. Est Co attacking toward SARREINSBOURG (Q 7441) from N had gained no ground last night. Considerable movement reported in LEMBERG (Q 7345). At 1750A, AOP reported considerable eny movement of Inf and some T/D Arty in WOUTERHOUSE (Q 7942) area moving S and SW. PWs report entire 6 SS Mtn Div in area STURZELBRONN (Q 8950) -- EGUELSHARDT (Q 8146). This indicates three eny Divs in VOSGES drive. Possibility of 2 Pz Divs, 2 PG Divs, 1 Inf Div available to N. At 0425A, 500 reported some eny had infiltrated into REIPERTSWILLER, fire fights in town, situation under control. 500 fired on possible eny armor N of town at 0330A. MG fire reported to NW toward ZITTENAU. PW captured by 313 Inf Regt said to expect an attack of Bn strength supported by tanks at REIPERTSWILLER between 0400 and 0500 today. At 350, hvy eny pressure was reported on REIPERTSWILLER with some infiltration from S main pressure at N. Eny road block supported by 2 Tks reported at RJ at 727399. of MERSENTHAL. During morning eny attacked vic GOETZENBRUCK (Q 7442) and S. EINSBERG (Q 7441). Eny thrusts S on roads vic KOHLBUTTE at Q 730378 and Q 748382. Eny pushing on REIPERTSWILLER from W vic Q 785374 and from N vic 804376. Eny resistance to N of PHILIPPSBOURG in area Q 8744. Some eny still in PHILIPPSBURG. TF HUDELSON estimates they put 2000 eny out of action.

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XV Corps: Eny maintains pressure along front. 3 Atks estimated 2 Bns supported by 8 Tks at 1115A, 1900A, 2100A against 103rd & 44th Divs. Main effort directed against right flank of 44th Div. All attacks contained. In the 100 Div zone, eny is digging in except on h flank where 2 Atks -- one of 100 eny plus 10 Tks, one of 150 eny plus 2 Tks were broken up.

c. Third US Army: Heavy fighting reported between VARDIN and METZ (P 587570). Eny C/A reported at P 332573 at 1400 supported by Inf and Tks. Eny C/A repulsed this morning at METZ (P 6751). Eny reported blowing up some ammo dumps the night of Dec 31 - Jan 1 in the vic of TOUL (P 3466)

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. THE ENEMY BEHIND OUR LINES -

1. All AGO cards found on Germans in GI uniforms have, on the left hand fold, the inscription: "W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 65-4." The cards also differ slightly from the ones normally carried by Officers which is: W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 65-1, in that in addition to the bearers signature it is also countersigned just below the signature of officer. The A.G.O. cards are brand new, filled out by the German himself, signed by him, and then dirtied up a bit - but the creases in the card can usually be spotted as new.

2. Germans in the "Jeep Parties" of Kirhseit STEIMAU have been instructed that the proper way to identify themselves behind the American lines is to show their Soldier's Paybook - not a word about dog-tags. So far, of the men captured, only two carried dog-tags with them, and they picked them up on their own initiative. The Paybooks given them are taken from our own PWs.

3. There are four grades of English speakers among the STEIMAU personnel - Group I is the best. The German officer is usually Group II which explains why he acts as a GI and not as an american officer. The best speaker acts as an officer and sits beside the driver. The German Officer acts (normally) on the left rear and whispers instructions in the ear of the German soldier posing as one of our officers. The worst English speaker (usually Group III or IV) is always the driver. Therefore, the best way to trap these "Jeep Parties" is to ask the driver for his trip ticket, and then ask the driver some questions he will have to answer.

4. None of the captured Germans in GI uniforms have known their so-called serial number.

5. Jeep markings already identified as vehicles carrying enemy personnel include VIII Corps, 6th Armd Div - but in most cases 5th Armd Div. For some obscure reason, the number of the Jeep (on the right hand side) is considered a weak point by the Germans and is usually half obliterated with mud.

6. All staff cars used by Germans captured so far have been French CITROENS - painted OD, complete with star. Staff cars definitely should be stopped and the GI's must forget all rank when they ask for dog-tags, ASN, etc.

7. It must not be forgotten that these "Jeep Parties" are heavily armed and that the men realize that they are on a desperate mission. Keep all suspicious Jeeps and their occupants well covered while inspecting credentials.

8. It is reported that some members of the "Jeep Parties" have now exchanged their 1/4-tons for 3/4-ton trucks.

9. Greater security of all vehicles obtaining gas from units and supply installations is required. These jeeps are now operated on gasoline they are obtaining from US Army sources. One "Jeep Party" was captured recently at an Ordnance Maintenance unit where they took the vehicle for repair. (Sec: FUSA) (VII Corps)

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b. PWs during period ---------- 159
PWs to date ---------- 5715*

* Total to date including 12 PWs evacuated to Army cage at SCHEICHAUSEN on 30 Dec 44 without interrogation or record due to bombing of USF cage on that date.

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 29

AIR INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:-

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810, 6811.
G.S.G.S. 4414 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXVIII - 13 - 1 & 2.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD ARTILLERY.
1. 799566 Possible four light FA in hedge by woods.
2. 817659 Delete 4-gun light FA battery here.

B. FIXED DEFENCES.
1. 791572 Shelter under construction.
2. 808577 Eight weapon pits.
3. 797588) Shelters; confirms purple information on Defence Overprint.
798587)
4. 795586 & 796587 Shelters in woods at each MR.
5. 789594 Pillbox. (Confirms purple information on Defence Overprint.

C. MISCELLANEOUS.
1. 7854 Stores or bivouac area with centres of activity at 782585, 783587, 785586, 787586 & 785580. There are tracks at each of these points, many foot-tracks only.
2. 815618 - 832566 Fourteen vehicles moving SE on road, probably horse-drawn.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. OBSTACLES.
1. 848575 - 849580 Extension of previously reported wire.

B. MISCELLANEOUS.
1. 844556 - 828566 Thirteen vehicles, possibly horse-drawn moving S on road between these points.

Map Sheet XXVIII - 13 - 1 & 2.

A. OBSTACLES.
1. 879525 Roadblock of felled trees.

B. MISCELLANEOUS.
1. 879532 - 880532 Possible fifteen vehicles stationary on secondary road. Snow in woods makes positive identification difficult.

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ 48 TANK BN.

FROM 090001 JAN 45

TO 092400 JAN 45

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
(1)			0153	captured recs indicate German objective in present attk, area Wirgen Nimmenau, Lichtenberg.	
(2)			1143	Estimate 2 co's of 100 each near Wirgen & Bn of 12 SS Regt on hill 785 354. Heavy pressure on Philippsburg Enemy dug in at Reperswiller.	
(3)			1300	Location 47 cp 899293	
			1350	orders from C C A Bn or 3 hour alert. Inf. Sch. clean up, additional outposts alerts stressed.	
(4)			1850	Enemy units located at 773382, 782382, 775365, 805375, 795385, 810379, 824371, 779355, 795375, 782352. Nimmenau to be surrounded,	
			1830	Co CO's meeting. Inf. Sch. issued to Co Com + outposts were discussed against additional security.	
(5)			1855	Wirgen in enemy hands but surrounded by our troops.	
			2000	outposts changed + guard found alert.	

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From: 040001 DEC.
To: 042400 DEC.
HQ 487TH BN
RIEDHEIM, FR.

No. _____

Maps: BOUXWILLER SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY (3 DEC)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY (3 DEC.)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY (3 DEC)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
MAINTENANCE, CARE AND CLEANING OF VEHICLES AND WEAPONS

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4(76)	2			
	M4(105)	3			
"A" Co	M4(75)	10	7		
	M4(76)	6			
	M4(105)	1			
"B" Co	M4(75)	7			
	M4(76)	9		1	
	M4(105)	1			
"C" Co	M4(75)	11		1	
	M4(76)	5			W/68
	M4(105)	1			
"D" Co	M5(37)	14	3	3	
TOTAL	M4(75)	28	1	1	
	M4(76)	22		1	
	M4(105)	6			
	M5(37)	14	1	3	

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Init:
Date: 4 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Hq 14 AD
4 Jan 45

No. 30.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: No report.

b. Seventh US Army: Army reports statements from XV Corps troops indicate use of drugs or intoxicants by enemy--reports such as walking 4 abreast thru minefields and into our fire.

VI Corps: Enemy attack continued heavy throughout period on S flank of Corps, weak on E flank. TF LINDEN - Entire sector quiet yesterday and last night. Civilian populace of STRASBOURG worried about withdrawal of military personnel--some evacuation. 79th Div - 12 man enemy patrol moving NW on road from NOTHERN (3037) to MUTTLLER (2839) fired on by our TDs at 1500 yesterday. No enemy activity last night. 45th Div - Attack continues on PHILIPPSBURG--heaviest action in area. Town shelled heavily last night. Enemy on high ground to E, N and E of town. Snipers in town. At DABACH, considerable motor movement heard during night--possibility of attack forming up. RABLENTHAL held by enemy--little activity. REIPERTSWILLER--heavy pressure here. Enemy dug in N of town. Both 953 Regt and 12 SS Regt believed forming up here for attack. 953 supposed to receive reinforcements from E. Mission of 12 SS Regt on hill overlooking JEBSWEILER--Attack plans for 953 and 12 SS include capture of WINDEN and WOLFEN and seizure of high ground SE REIPERTSWILLER overlooking JEBSWEILER. RECONNAISSANCE elements of enemy fighting progressing in WINDEN. Estimated 250 enemy in WINDEN. At 1210 Corps 3rd Bord stopped firing on 4 Mk IVs approaching REIPERTSWILLER from N.

XV Corps: Several enemy C/As reported in Corps sector. 100th Div - Enemy attack with Regt and 10 tanks on left flank made some progress. Enemy infiltrated some troops vic U-734497 (E of SIERSTHAL). Enemy pressure along front of Div. Enemy resistance strong vic NIEDERSTINAL (U-7140). 44th Div - Hit by C/A sometime after midnight vic BLIESBRUCK (U-1957). 106th Div - Small C/A by 30 enemy contained.

c. Third US Army:

III Corps: 26 Inf Div - Stiff resistance. Enemy well dug in. Apparently a blackout on news. Something is brewing up there. Since SIEGE drive started, our ground forces in that area have taken 20,000 PWs destroyed 400 tanks.

d. First US Army: Nothing new.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Marking on New Friendly Planes. The following message received from Hq Seventh Army is repeated for your information and appropriate action: "Five parallel white and black stripes, each 2½ inches wide completely around fuselage and ending 18 inches from forward edge to tail plane will continue to be used on A-26 and on all aircraft new to this theatre until all personnel become familiar with these aircraft."

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b. Movements. Decrease in RR movements indicate that enemy probably has completed shift of his major units in this area.

c. OB. 21 Pz Div believed N of BITCHE (4000 combat troops) (PW). 2d Mtn Div from Norway possibly this area but not identified. 11 Pz Div believed still 1st Army sector.

d. Weather: 5 Jan 45 - Overcast sky with few breaks; intermittent rain. Clouds 1,000 to 2,000 feet. Visibility 4 - 6 miles. Surface wind 5 - 10 mph; gusty. Min. temp. 32 degrees F.

e. PWs during Period ---------- 12
PWs to Date ---------- 983

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 30

SEVENTH ARMY PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6914, 6915, 7015.

Map Sheet 6914.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
1. 311053 5' Possible two light FA guns.
2. 2813530? A fourth gun has been added to this battery.

B. FIXED DEFENCES.
1. 287534 MG post and communication trench leading to previously reported shelter.

C. OBSTACLES.
1. 293470 & 293460 Roadblock at MRs by felled trees.

Map Sheet 6915.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1. 382508 This heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
2. 386464 Three AA/MGs.

B. FIXED DEFENCES.
1. 354481 - 355483 - 357482 - 357480 Communication trench.
2. 410483 Trench and MG post.
3. 381481 Pillbox.
4. 336506 339503 & 341504 Trenches in woods at each MR.
5. 386455 Fire trench extended to woods.
6. 382452 Fire trench extended to road.
7. 362446 - 372448 Fire trench along road in wood.
8. 374449 Shelter.
9. 376451 Fire trench along edge of wood.
10. 377448 - 369446 Fire trench along edge of wood.
11. 357464 - 352463 Fire trench.
12. 344467 Strongpoint.
13. 332463 Trench extended across road.
14. 329458 & 318461 Pillboxes at each MR.
15. 331458 Shelter.

C. OBSTACLES.
1. 370483 Road barricaded with logs.
2. 366453 A/Tk ditch across road, 12' across top.
3. 357463 A/Tk ditch across road. Bridge 15' wide on road, over bridge intact.
4. 329456 A/Tk ditch extended across road.

D. HUTMENTS, BARRACKS AND DUMPS.
1. 380504 Ten huts under the trees.

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Map Sheet 7015.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
1. 38813878 5-gun light field battery.
2. 40983931 Unoccupied 4-gun light field battery, possibly still under construction.
3. 40213913 Unoccupied 3-gun light field position.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1. 390387 & 389380 Three AA/MG positions at each MR.
2. 362368 & 361360 Three AA/MG positions at each MR.
3. *398361 Unoccupied 4-gun heavy AA position.

C. FIXED DEFENCES.
1. *335355 Casemate.
2. *332359 Pillbox.
3. 339363 Shelter.
4. 332359 - 341364 Fire trench to woods.
5. *356359 Pillbox.
6. *36683563, 36663560 & 36643555 Pillboxes at each MR.
7. *36593551 Shelter.
8. *348351 Pillbox.
9. *36213696 Pillbox.
10. 352393 Pillbox.

D. OBSTACLES.
1. 36483944 Partial roadblock of concrete; gap approximately 10'.

E. HUTMENTS, BARRACKS AND DUMPS.
1. 381375 Stores dump on East side of WURMERSHEIM.

Map Sheet 6915.

41054885 Road and RR over-pass over road (in Western approach to WORTH-KARLSRUHE road and rail bridge) demolished.
1) Road over-pass - blown gap 100'. By-pass in use at site.
2) RR over-pass - blown gap 70'. Debris from both road and RR over-pass remain in road below. Although the WORTH-KARLSRUHE bridge does not appear damaged the RR line crossing it is rendered unserviceable by above demolished over-pass.

Confirms purple information on Defence Overprint.

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 050001 JAN. 45

TO 052400 JAN. 45

PLACE REIDHEIM, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
		(1)	1245	Msg fr. C.C.A - Situation report of ey infiltrating across Rhine.	

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From: 050001 JAN
To: 052400 JAN

HQ 48 TK BN
RIEDHEIM, FR

No. _____

Maps: BOUXWILLER SHEET, SCALE 1:50000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY (3 DEC)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY (3 DEC)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY (3 DEC)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR — GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE, HQ 48 TK BN, 4 JAN. 45

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq	M4 (76)				
	M4 (105)				
"A" Co	M4 (75)				
	M4 (76)				
	M4 (105)				
"B" Co	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	9		1	
	M4 (105)	1			
"C" Co	M4 (75)	11		1	W/68
	M4 (76)	5			1st Lt Cooper Killed
	M4 (105)	1			
"D" Co	M5 (37)	15		3	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	28	1	1	
	M4 (76)	22		1	
	M4 (105)	6			
	M5 (37)	15		3	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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5 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 31.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Report enemy pressure in KAYSERSBERG area.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Generally no change yesterday. 79th Div - Increasing activity (form of patrols) along front. Hvy concentration arty front of center of front lines (which indicates they don't know where we are). Total of 19 bridges blown along 79th front by 79 Div. Strong eny patrols crossed RHINE (probably last night) between KILSTETT and DRUSENHEIM. Most activity in KILSTETT area of patrols up to strength of 50 men. Engr patrol ambushed at RR station N of KILSTETT. FFI reports our troops surrounded in GAMBSHEIM. 45th Div - 117 Cav reported "screaming meamies" falling vic MEISENTHAL at 1911A. Yesterday afternoon, eny action in PHILIPPSBOURG -- BAERENTHAL consisted of strong patrols and intense mortar and Arty fire on forward elms. Some decrease in eny pressure in REIPERTSWILLER -- WILDENOUTH area. Attack N from WINDENAU -- WINGEN road met S/A, mortar and SC fire on fwd elms. Arty fire light. Eny activity increased in DAMBACH area where 4 Tks and a 20mm gun fired on our troops. Eny activity this area still going on. Tracked vehicles heard N of LEMBACH (R -0445) at 0030A. 10 rds tank fire fell vic WINDSTEIN (Q 9543) at 2400A and red flare dropped by plane same vicinity same time. PHILIPPSBOURG -- BAERENTHAL area -- eny activity mostly patrolling during night and morning. Principal eny activity in REIPERTSWILLER area. Bulk of 361 Div believed in that area. Some infiltration to N of REIPERTSWILLER. Eny still digging in N of REIPERTSWILLER. Enemy remained in WINGEN throughout period. In SARREINSBERG area, eny is using US Armored Cars and assault guns. AOPs reported 300 eny withdrawing to N of PHILIPPSBOURG at Q 8845 and 30 - 40 eny to NE toward EGUELSHARDT at 8145.

XV Corps: Eny continued probing along entire front, main effort in push toward ACHEN. 106 Cav Gp - No change. 103 Div - No report. 44th Div - Enemy forced our troops out of GROS REDERSCHING for the 3rd time. Eny infiltrated to ACHEN, were pushed out of town. A few scattered eny hold MAGINOT posns outside of town. 100th Div - Light pressure along front of Div. One small counterattack.

c. Third US Army: Enemy seems more and more determined to contain BASTOGNE pocket. Almost continuous series of counterattacks. 2, 16 & 130 Pz still around nose of salient.

III Corps: 26th Div - Receiving heavy resistance to attack. 35th Div - Very heavy resistance. 6th Armd Div - Bitter resistance.

VIII Corps: 101 A/B Div - Strong counterattack vic LONGCHAMPS (P 5363).

XII Corps: No change.

XX Corps: No change.

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d. First US Army:

V Corps: Patrols along entire front met very light resistance. 1st Div received counterattack at noon -- results unreported.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Infiltration. According to PW captured by the 28th US Inf Div, the enemy is now devoting all his training to a new method of attack which the Germans have copied from the Russians. This attack calls for infiltration by enemy groups of less than platoon size during hours of darkness. This process may take from 3 to 4 days until the bulk of the enemy force has infiltrated to our MLR or well behind our lines. During the day, these small forces conceal themselves and, if apprehended, pass themselves off as an ordinary patrol. A short Arty barrage precedes the enemy's actual assault which is supported by howitzer, bazooka and mortar fire. Enemy troops behind the lines disrupt all possible communication when the assault begins and close in on our forces. Enemy is convinced that his Inf is superior to ours and that success will result from this type of attack as it will nullify our superiority in Armor, Air and Arty. (Source: VIII US Corps Periodic Report No. 167)

b. Enemy Units in VOSGES Drive.

361 VGD (originally held entire sector)
257 VGD (drove in from front of 100th Div)
256 VGD (withdrew thru SIEGFRIED Line, refitted and received replacements -- spearheaded VOSGES attack)
6 SS Mtn Div (last month in Norway)
559 VGD (1 or 2 Bns probably)
21 Pz Div (?) (considerable employment of tanks)

c. Weather: 6 Jan 45 - Scattered snow showers and broken clouds throughout day. Visibility 6 - 8 miles reducing to 2 - 3 miles in snow. Wind from N 8 - 12 m.p.h. Continued cold with minimum temperature 23 degrees F.

7 Jan 45 - Partly cloudy with scattered snow showers over high VOSGES. Visibility 6 - 8 miles lowering to 2 - 3 miles in scattered snow showers. Wind from NW 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 20 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period -------- 7
Total PWs to date ---------------990

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 21

PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810, 6811, 6812, 6814.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
1. 71706537 Three, possibly four FA guns; probably medium.
2 71886289 Probable 4-gun FA battery at edge of woods.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.
1. 712637 & 715627 Trenches in woods at each MR.

C. DEMOLITIONS.
1. 773568 Bridge blown. 40' blown gap, 25' wet gap. By-Pass by fording at site.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1. 887595 3-gun light AA battery.
2 889592 3-gun light AA battery.

B. MISCELLANEOUS.
1. 868606 Road cut with footbridge across gap.

Map Sheet 6812.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
1. 03456045 Probable two light FA guns.

Map Sheet 6814.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1. 215595 3-gun light AA battery.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

1. 272619 to 217619 to 220622 Previously reported fire trench extended between these points.
2. 221620, 220619 Two unoccupied emplacements approx 16 ft in diameter.

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ 48 TANK BN

FROM 050001 JAN 45

TO 052400 JAN 45

PLACE – REIDHEIM, FRANCE

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			01010	C O CCA called at Bn Hqs.	
			1830	Co C O meeting. Recons gone over on movement of tentative plans for CCA earlier in the day.	
			1900	Orders from CCA that plan #2 is in effect Bn on 1 hr alert. Bn party called to CCA	
			2330	Bn closed CP at Reidheim.	

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S - 3 REPORT

From: 060001 JAN
To: 062400 JAN

H/Q. 48TK BN
REIDSHEIM, FR.

No. _____

Maps: BOUXWILLER SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY (3 DEC.)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY (3 DEC)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY (3 DEC)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE
4 JAN. 45

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
N.C.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4(76)	2			
	M4(105)	3			
"A" Co	M4(75)	10	1		
	M4(76)	6			
	M4(105)	1			
"B" Co	M4(75)	7			
	M4(76)	10			
	M4(105)	1			
"C" Co	M4(75)	11		1	(W/68
	M4(76)	0			∑1 Tr Dozer.
	M4(105	1			
"D" Co	M5(37)	17		1	
TOTAL	M4(75)	28 ~~17~~	1	1	
	M4(76)	23 ~~18~~		1	
	M4(105)	6			
	M5(37)	17 ~~17~~		1	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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6 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 32.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Considerable enemy activity reported along the E bank of the RHINE. Movement of tanks and M/T was observed in that area. An enemy patrol was reported to be in the EASTIEN (Q-9480) area.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: No change reported in enemy situation. 79th Div - An estimated battalion of enemy troops crossed the RHINE early yesterday morning in the GAMSHEIM (R-1110) - OFFENDORF (R-1312) area and attempted to push out to the W. The enemy succeeded in occupying GAMSHEIM (R-1110) and OFFENDORF (R-1312) and surrounded the towns of HERRLISHEIM (R-1214) and STATTMATT (R-1921) during the period. At 1330A enemy tanks were reported approaching the bridge at (R-1307.8) S of ROHRWILLER. The bridge was blown in front of them by our troops. Strong enemy patrols pushing down from the WISSEMBOURG area were contacted at CLEEBOURG (R-1144) and STUNDWILLER (R-1836) early this morning. 45th Div - The enemy continued his infiltration attempts and at 2000A last night some enemy had infiltrated to the REIFERTSWILLER (Q-8037) - ROTHBACH (Q-8534) OFFWILLER (Q-9038) road and was engaged in sniping at vehicles moving along the road. At 1500A yesterday PHILIPSBOURG (Q-8742) was reported cleared of enemy. Considerable vehicular movement was heard between NEUHOFFEN (Q-9146) and DAMBACH (Q-9244) at 0210A this morning. Direction of movement not determined. LICHTENBERG (Q-8135) received some heavy arty fire at 0400A this morning. Light harrassing enemy arty fire fell in NIEDERNAU (Q-7634) at 0400A.

XV Corps: Heavy enemy motor traffic was reported moving SE to SAARGUEMINES (Q-5157). A lessening of enemy pressure was reported along the Corps front. 44th Div - Enemy C/A on the right flank supported by 8 enemy tanks was repulsed yesterday. 100th Div - Enemy activity generally quiet along the front. Some 280mm and 360mm enemy arty fire fell in the Div sector during the period.

c. Third US Army: Enemy pressure continues heavy along front of the BASTOGNE salient. A severe enemy C/A MM of BASTOGNE was repulsed. 36 enemy tanks were destroyed in the action.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Order of Battle. The 17 SS Tank Bn, a part of the 17 SS PG Div has been identified in the 44th Div sector. The 6 SS Mtn Div is reported to have a large percentage of Hungarians. It was originally an Austrian Div. PW from 17 SS PG Div stated that the 78 INF Div is in the ZWEIBRUCKEN (Q-7271) area. This unit was last reporting on the Russian front. 143 PWs taken by the 45th Div from the 2nd Bn 953 GR indicates that this Bn is almost wiped out. It was operating

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in the WIMMENAU (Q-7634) area. According to PW reports the 12 SS Regt, part of the 6 SS Mtn Div, has 19 companies with a combat strength of 50 to 60 men each. The infantry elements of the 6th SS Mtn Div consists of the 11th and 12th SS regiments. The 11th SS Regt has not been identified in this area. The 506 SS Bn Mtz is operating with this Div, probably as its Recn element.

b. This is the Enemy. Interrogation 22 Dec by IPW team No. 42, 36th US Inf Div, revealed the following atrocity committed in the Division zone. On 18 December, the Engineer platoon of the 1st Recn Bn of 1 SS Div was enroute to attack the town of STAVELOT. Before passing through the town of PARFONDRUY (K-7000) the members of the platoon were ordered and instructed by their platoon leader to do away with all civilians that came into their sight. It has been definitely ascertained that the military operations of the enemy were not hindered in any way by the civilians concerned. The Engineer Platoon then went to work and rounded up 20 civilians, two of them were women, and took them into a barn. The soldiers then shot them all down in cold blood. The barn was thereafter set afire in order to erase all incriminating evidence. The platoon then moved on to occupy their objectives.

Some of the members of the platoon taking part in the outrage were captured. They showed no concern at all over their deeds, and confessions have been easily obtained which were signed and sworn to properly. One man of the group testified that he had shot two Belgians who were about 45 or 50 years of age. Another testified that he saw an NCO walking off with two Belgians 19-22 years of age, to shoot them. The Belgians, when they realized what was up, tried to escape, and the PW states he shot them both. The platoon leader of this platoon, who was responsible for this outrage, has been wounded seriously, and is now receiving medical aid. All of the PWs are being forwarded to higher HQ for a trial for their crimes, and the punishment which their bestiality deserves.

Note: This information is corroborated by a civilian who had escaped and was previously interrogated by MI Team. (Source: 30th Div) (TUSA).

c. Telephone Taps. 82nd A/B Div reports that on the night of 22-23 Dec, the G-2 received a telephone call, purportedly from the G-2 of "DECATUR" that parachutists were dropping a mile and a half away in the divisional area. G-2, G-3, and C/S of "DECATUR" when checked, said no such call had been made by them. With large numbers of enemy agents now operating behind our lines, all units should make it SOP to check back on reports and orders from unfamiliar sources. (VII Corps)

d. Weather: 7 Jan 45 - Light snow beginning in morning and continuing intermittently throughout most of day. Sky cloudy throughout day. Visibility one mile at dawn improving slightly to two to three miles during day. Wind westerly five to seven MPH. Slightly warmer with min temp 26 degrees F.

8 Jan 45 - Generally broken clouds with rain and snow showers during afternoon. Visibility three to five miles. Wind westerly eight to thirteen MPH. Min temp 27 degrees F.

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c. Total PWs during Period 11
Total PWs to Date 1301

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 070001 JAN. 45

TO 072400 JAN. 45

PLACE SURBURG, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0415	C.P. opened at Surburg.	Msg to C.C.D.
	0430		0420	Msg to all Co's & Detach. re-dispersion and camouflage of vehicles.	
0902		(1)	0855	Msg Recd. Like enemy Tks at 168380	Ltr map.
		(2)	1055	one hvy Tk painted white at 106448 at 1000	Ltr map.
	1340		1336	Msg to Co. A - Prepare for immediate movement - report to C.P.	
1330				Oral Msg from C.C.D. - A Co move to support 3/5.	Msg to C.C.A FE. sent.
			1350	Co. A. marked out.	
			1100	A-68(-) 157 Bat & Rcn reverted to parent units.	
1400		(3)	1345	Msg from C.C.D. - attch overlay of Pos established by C-94.	
	1525		1525	Msg to Co B. Prepare 1 Plat of tanks for defensive fire on Sen. line Surburg. Submit overlay of plan.	
		(4)		A.48 revert to 48 Control - withdrawn and assembled at Kuhlenhof.	
		(5)		Be prepared to move out on short notice.	

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257 VGD - Hurt same.
361 VGD - Hit very hard.
6 SS Mtn Div - Only one of 2 Regts (12 SS) committed so far, and it has lost at least 200 men. 11 SS Regt still unidentified in action.
Tanks employed in Vosges drive come from either 21 Pz Div or 25 PG Div.

<u>Possible Forces NE of WISSEMBOURG Gap:</u>
21 Pz Div - about 3500 men, est 50-100 Tks. (T/O strength 14,000 men, 76 Mk IV, 64 Mk V).
25 PG Div - Went out of contact front of XV Corps last month. New T/O for PG Div shows 14,000 men, 22 SP guns, no tanks. Old T/O showed Bn of tanks. Last information (Dec 1) had less than 20 Mk V's in a [illegible] Bn which was attached.
[illegible] - Was [illegible] in September. Location now unknown. T/O strength 10,000 men.
[illegible] - Has been re-forming [illegible]. Probably still re-forming there. Some elements have crossed in [illegible] area.
216 Inf Div - Supposedly administrative, handling fortress units of Rhine fortifications.

<u>Within Reich:</u>
[illegible] 10,000 men in [illegible] and across Rhine.

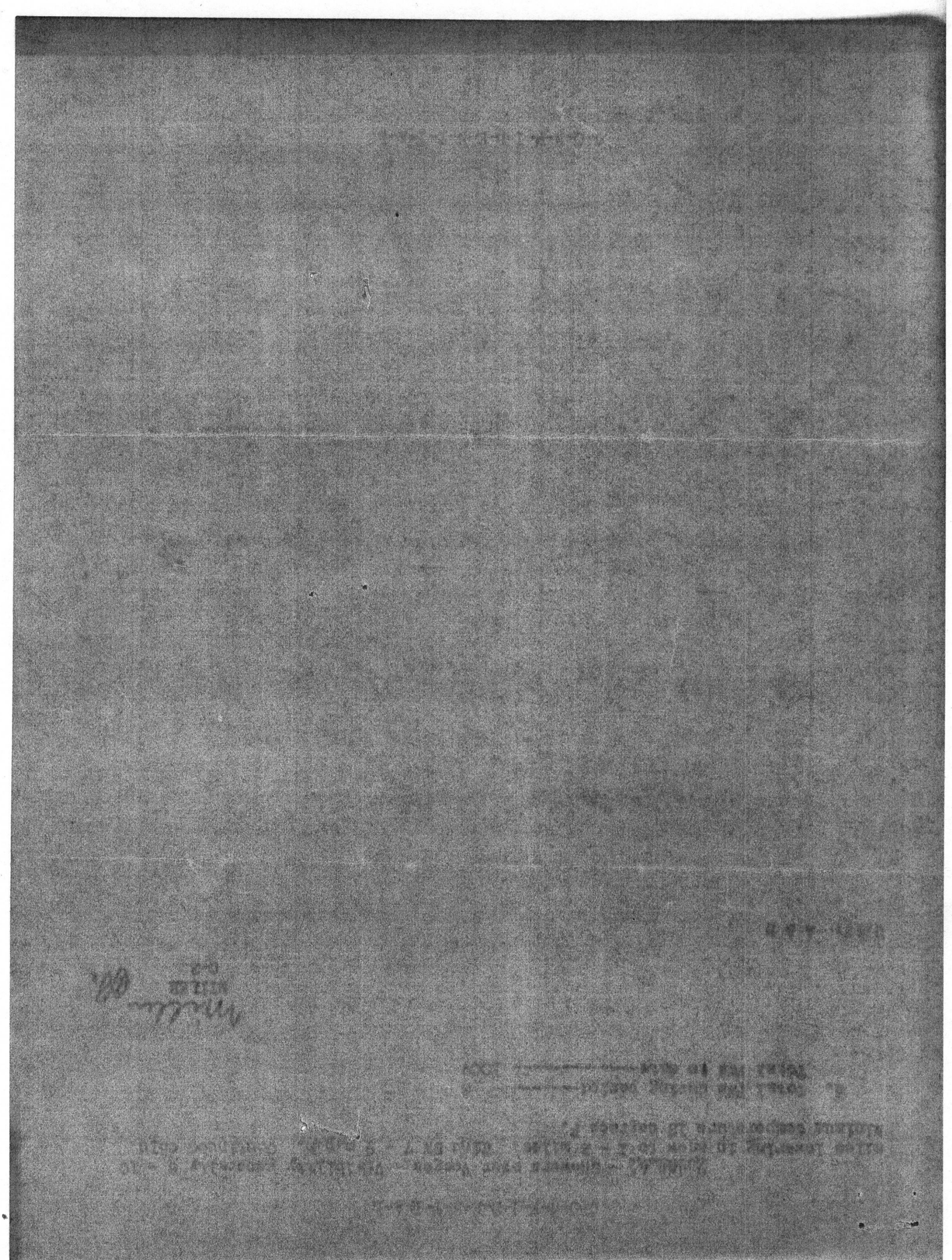
<u>Note:</u>
[illegible] no information of movements of [illegible] from rear of XV Corps front to rear of [illegible] Corps front.
[illegible] The [illegible] new Divs came from [illegible], but transportation [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Div came from [illegible]. No other Divs known to have shifted from [illegible], except 710 Inf Div reported to have gone to ITALY. 2d Mtn Div [illegible] as being on way south from NORWAY.

[illegible] [illegible]. Among German documents recently captured by 45th Div is a 36? [illegible] Div Interrogation Report on five American soldiers of the 106 Cav Gp captured [illegible] Dec 44. These men told the German interrogator what their mission had been; the number of [illegible] vehicles and weapons in their unit, the history of the unit, their APO number, their commanders' names, and the number of casualties and replacements [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] understanding of our situation.

It is imperative that front line units continue [illegible] training so that replacements and attached units will become security conscious, and [illegible] [illegible] name, rank and serial number only, if captured.

[illegible] 1 [illegible] Co [illegible] was out on patrol on morning of [illegible] Jan. He states that the patrol entered [illegible] and approached to within 30 yds of an [illegible] sentry. One of the members of the patrol who spoke English hailed the sentry from [illegible] distance and questioned the sentry on strength of troops occupying the town. He asked the sentry how many tanks were in the town and received the answer, "[illegible]". Since the patrol could not take a PW alone they left the sentry [illegible] [illegible] a few minutes later. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] - Clear [illegible] partly cloudy with [illegible] over [illegible] in afternoon. Visibility [illegible] miles in snow [illegible] [illegible] elsewhere. Continued cold. Maximum temperature 25 degrees F.



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S - 3 REPORT

From: 070001 JAN. 45
To: 072400 JAN. 45
HQ. 48 Tk Bn
SURBURG, FR.

No.________

Maps: HAGENAU SHEET, SCALE 1:50000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
BN MOVED NIGHT OF 6-7 JAN 45 TO SURBURG, FR. CLOSING AREA AT 0415. INITIATED RCN TO EAST IN PREPARATION FOR ATTACK. A-68 TO CCA RES. 2094 REVERTED TO TROOP CONTROL. A-48 DETACHED ON CCA MISSION TO N.E.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
RCN. SUCCESSFUL. NO REPORT ON OPERATIONS A-48.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	3			
"A" Co	M4 (75)	10	1		
	M4 (76)	6			
	M4 (105)	1			
"B" Co	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	10			
	M4 (105)	1			
"C" Co	M4 (75)	12			
	M4 (76)	5			
	M4 (105)	1			
"D" Co	M5 (37)	16		1	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	29	1		
	M4 (76)	23			
	M4 (105)	6			
	M5 (37)	16		1	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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7 December 1944

TO: Rcn Plt 94th & Off from 48th

Mission:

To make a rapid reconnaissance to locate ground for a holding force, composed principally of infantry and artillery and for tank attack action through the holding force.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

1. Location of friendly troops
2. Use of terrain for armor
3. Road and route reconnaissance

LIMIT OF RECONNAISSANCE

EW line through Surbourg to about 2 miles N of Soultz
Return with the above information to this CP prior to 0900

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

1. Friendly Infantry reported screening to our N.
2. Friendly Troops reported to be holding Maginot Line in this area.

V.S. GREENEBAUM
1st Lt., S-2

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ORGANIZATION HQ 48 TK BN.

FROM 080001 JAN. 45

TO 082400 JAN. 45

PLACE BURBOURG, F.R.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0815	Co. C.O. meeting at 1Bn CP.	
			1030	Overlay on turning movement to be sent to A.B.C. D as A-6	
			1030	Overlay, attack to E (Ran #5) sent to A, B, D, 48	
			1445	Order for Recn to report w/o delay to Hq >>> Inf. Lucky may proceed.	
			1800	Results Recn sent to CCA	

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S - 3 REPORT

From: 080001 JAN.
To: 082400 JAN.

HQ. 48 TK BN.
SURBOURG FR.

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
RCN INITIATED FOR AREAS FOR COUNTERATTACK TO N. NE & SE.
OVERLAY SUBMITTED SEPARATELY.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
RCN SUCCESSFUL.

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88. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs.	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours.	Lost During period.
Hq	M 4 (76)	2			
	M 4 (105)	3			
"A" Co.	M4 (75)	8	1	2	
	M4 (76)	6			
	M4 (105)	1			
"B" Co.	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	10			
	M4 (105)	1			
"C" Co.	M4 (75)	12			
	M4 (76)	5			
	M4 (105)	1			
"D" Co.	M5 (37)	16		1	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	27	1	2	
	M4 (76)	23			
	M4 (105)	6			
	M2 (37)	16		1	

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Hq 14 AD
8 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 34.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army:

2nd French Corps: Enemy attacked to the N in the 1st DIM sector at 0900A yesterday with 2 - 3 Bns of Inf and 30 armored vehicles including 2 Tiger tanks. Enemy occupied WITTERNHEIM (V-9068) and FRIESENHEIM (V-9567) and reached KRAFF (V-9780). We still hold bridge at KRAFF. Identified: 198 Fus Bn of 198 Inf Div and 106 Pz Brig.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: 10 enemy tanks were reported destroyed or disabled yesterday in corps sector. 79th Div - Considerable activity CLEEBURG (R-1144) area, 5 enemy counterattacks were repulsed in the STUNDWILLER (R-1836) area with 15 tanks supporting - 5 destroyed (MK V and VI). Some enemy wearing white (reversible capes). Arty fire believed coming from the 155th Pz arty Regt, supporting the 21st Pz Div fell in the Div sector yesterday at 1700A. Heavy enemy vehicular traffic reported moving from STUNDWILLER (R-1836) to BUHL (R-2035) at 2045A last night. Enemy counterattack NE of HOFFEN (R-1536) broken up by arty. In Rhine Bridgehead enemy opposed stubborn effort of French to take GAMBSHEIM (R-1110). French reached HETTENHOFFEN (R-1009), withdrew to KILSTETT (R-0808) and took 60 PW's. Quite a few enemy SP's operating this area. Enemy counterattack yesterday afternoon against DRUSENHEIM (R-1518) with infantry and 10 tanks, against ROHRWILLER (R-1217) with infantry and 5 tanks. In DRUSENHEIM action we knocked out 5 enemy tanks. Considerable enemy vehicular movement reported after dark last night in DRUSENHEIM-GAMBSHEIM area. Arty fell in BISCHWILLER (R-0818) last night and more 280mm in HAGUENAU (R-0424) believed coming from across river to NE (35 mile range). Captured document shows bridgehead attack under control of General VONDERBACH, CG XIV Corps, and indicates attack by 405 and 553 Divs. (405 units manned Rhine defenses. 553 was destroyed and has been reforming E of Rhine). 45th Div - WINGEN (Q-7335) was reported cleared of enemy at 1800A yesterday. 63 PW's taken, 100 wounded enemy evacuated. Remainder of enemy withdrew to the N and contacted rear of 180th Inf. Fighting continues in LICHTENBERG (Q-8435) area. Strong pressure continues from LICHTENBERG to west. 300 rounds arty fell in WILDENGUTH (Q-7837). 4 enemy tanks reported in DAMBACH (Q-9244). PHILIPPSBOURG (Q-8742) - BAERENTHAL (Q-8442) area situation unchanged.

XV Corps: Very little enemy activity except in the 100 Div sector where the enemy counterattacked in the RIMLING (Q-6555) area this morning supported by tanks. At 1130 4 to 6 enemy tanks were between RIMLING and GUISING (Q-6552). 44th Div - Stiff enemy resistance being encountered on 114th Inf front vic SARRE-GUEMINES.

c. Third US Army:

XII Corps: Moderate resistance encountered in the zone of the 80th Div.

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III Corps: Heavy resistance reported in the 35th Inf Div sector.

VIII Corps: Enemy offering stiff resistance in the wooded area 6 miles E of ST. VITH.

d. First US Army: No information.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Enemy Agents in F. F. I. Uniform. From a reliable source it has been learned that the Germans, knowing that road control is practically non-existent in France, have the intention of having their agents operate as F. F. I. members. They would requisition (or take over) automobiles marked "F.F.I." thus being able to travel about without disclosing their movements. (Source: Agent Report).

b. Employment of Snipers.

Battle Group HEITMANN consisted of BG WYRONSKI and BG MEYER

Both Battle Groups were organized in the following manner independently:

1st Co - 3 platoons (Rifle)
2nd Co - 3 platoons (Rifle)
3rd Co - 3 platoons (Rifle)
4th Co - 4 platoons (2 HMG platoons, 2 Mortar platoons)
5th Co - (Bn Hq Co) 4 platoons (1 AT Platoon, 2 IG Platoons, 1 Hq Platoon

Each company consisted of about 100 men and each company (with the exception of the 5th Cos) had 18 - 20 well trained snipers, each with a telescopic sight on his rifle in addition to a pair of field glasses.

In nearly all cases the snipers work in pairs. In each squad, in this unit (BG WYRONSKI) there were usually two and sometimes three snipers per squad. The squad leader advised the sniper of a certain enemy position which he wanted wiped out and then it was entirely up to the sniper to select the method of approach. The snipers in this unit were trained in a special school for snipers which is held at HEIDELBERG. Each sniper had a "ABSCHUSS BUCH", a book in which all successful shots are recorded and each one of these recordings must be witnessed by the sniper's companion or someone else who observed the action. These men are entitled to special privileges as far as rations are concerned. Their decorations are based on the records in the book. Among the 150-160 snipers in this unit it is claimed that about 10% had about 100 successful shots to their credit and about 20% had 50 or more successes. This unit is made up of old soldiers and to a great extent of idealists who still believe in a German victory, therefore morale can be considered very good.
(Source: PW Statements 31 December 1944.)

c. Minefields. One of the enemy's tricks is to throw small pieces of metal in his minefields. This not only tires the lifting party but also tends to make them careless. This practice may be expected in minefields containing SHU-MINES. (Source: Sp Int Bul #199, ETOUSA).

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d. Enemy Attack Tactics. (Extract from directive on tactics issued by the Commanding General, 5th Panzer Army, 30 November 1944).

When you make contact with the enemy, push ahead immediately, that is quickly and brutally with every ounce of energy. Do not hit on the hands but between the eyes. Form definite strongpoints, not so much by concentrations of troops, but by determined concentration of all available weapons. In attacking, infantry and armored units still do not spread out sufficiently. Advance where the terrain is most suitable. Under those conditions, intervals between platoons, companies, etc., are not disadvantageous. On the contrary, they are desirable, because they force the enemy to scatter his fire. The tank company also must spread out. The range of the cannon facilitates this. If we spread out, it is frequently possible to force parts of the enemy unit to fall back, especially when we catch them before they have completed their defense preparations. (Source: 3rd U.S. Army, G-2 Periodic Report No. 200 - 28 Dec 1944).

e. Civilian Sentiment. A survey of the Saverne area showed that in Saverne and the district south of it the proportion of the pro-French to pro-German is about four to one, while to the north and near the German border this proportion is reversed.

f. Security of Information. A prisoner stated that German intelligence obtains most of its information by monitoring Allied radio communications. Prisoner claimed that his division G-2 is in possession of almost all codes used by the Allies.

g. Weather: 9 Jan 45 - Intermittent snow showers in afternoon, broken sky. Ceiling 3000 feet. Wind W 15 - 20 mph. Min. temp. 18 degrees F.

10 Jan 45 - Clear at dawn, increasing cloudiness afternoon and night. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn improving to 3 - 4 miles by noon. Light northwesterly winds. Continued cool with min. temp 15 degrees F.

h. Total PWs during period ---- 0
Total PWs to Date ---------- 1009

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 090001 JAN. 45

TO 092400 JAN. 45.

PLACE SURBOURG, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0555	Call from C.O. CCA. Alert Co A	Msgr to Co A.
			0600	C.O. & Ly O. to TF Hq for further orders.	Ly O. to Co A.
			0630	Bn alerted to be ready to move on 1½ hrs notice.	
			0930	Lr. tanks located at 198338	TD's alerted.
			1300	Msg from C.C.A (Maj Cain) to consolidate TF England for Ren. A-68, B-48. Ren 48, 16-17	
			1340	A Co. attached to 315 Inf. any captured or abandoned American equipments to be sent to C.C.A.	
			1405	Bn alerted - C.O. & Ly off to C.C.A.	Phone to all Co's.
			1428	Co C.O's called to C.P. FO. issued. March to routes beta day	
			1448	C.P. closes at Surbourg.	
			1448	C.P. opens [illegible] in column.	
			1455	Msg from Bremark 6 - display red panels on tanks if fired.	To all Co's radio.
	1601		1550	C.P. closed in area - location 175334.	To TF Wall " CCA
1450	1450		1347	Ops report 16 MIV Tanks 4 Rec carriers; 8 H/T at 180374 moving toward Hatten 1315.	
			1612	Send Medic jeep Lee.	
1615					
1803			1807	Arty concentration requested	

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FROM _____

TO _____

PLACE _____

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1836		(4)	1834.	Right platoon firing on Column entering Station	
1853		(5)	1851	Position of Co. Co. Plat	
1940		(6)	1909	Position of a Co Plat	
			2230	orders for movement back to firing position	
			2340	Be placed in firing area.	Msg to CA.

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From: 090001 JAN. 45
To: 092400 JAN. 45

HQ. 48TK BN.
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Maps: HAGENAU SHEET : SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

A CO MOVED TO SUPPORT 315 INF AT 0630 AND 1340. 3 INF [illegible] BN ALERTED AND MOVED FROM SURBOURG TO NIEDERSBETSDORF - RITTERSHOFFEN - CLOSING AT 1550. CO A & C COMMITTED ON HATTEN.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

EXCELLENT.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. 6 ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED BY CO A.

- over -

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	3			
"A" Co	M4 (75)	10		1	
	M4 (76)	6			
	M4 (105)	1			
"B" Co	M4 (75)	7			
	M4 (76)	10			
	M4 (105)	1			
"C" Co	M4 (75)	12			
	M4 (76)	5			
	M4 (105)	1			
"D" Co	M5 (37)	16		1	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	29		1	
	M4 (76)	23			-
	M4 (105)	6			
	M5 (37)	16		1	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

9 January 1945

ACTIVITIES 48TH TANK BATTALION, 9 JANUARY 1945

A-48 moved to vic Rittershofen at 0930, with mission of assisting 42nd Infantry to straighten lines, was relieved of mission at 1030 and returned to Kuhlendorf. It was sent back on same mission at 1330. Company Commander and S-3 contacted Battalion Commander of 42nd Infantry in Hatten at 1400 to arrange for assistance. Unknown number of tanks were reported at that time to be flanking town to south and personnel carriers and tanks flanking on north. A-48 began arriving in assembly area east of Rittershofen at 1415. At approximately 1420 1st platoon went into position on south flank east of Rittershoffen to counter threat of Nazi southern envelopment, took the tanks under fire destroying and burning five of medium size. One platoon went into position on south flank west of Rittershofen and third platoon on north flank east of Rittershoffen. Situation then was stable for 48th until 1700. At 1600 48th Battalion Commander contacted Regimental Commander 42nd Infantry and a coordinated attack was arranged with one platoon of tanks and one platoon of infantry attacking to east on either side of Hatten. Attack jumped off at 1710. Attack on north side of Hatten met little opposition, reached its objective by 1830. Attack on south side encountered some resistance, knocked out one tank, one personnel carrier and one staff car, reaching its objective by approximately 1845.

Relief of A-48 was arranged at 2030 and began at approximately 2230, with a TD platoon and an infantry company outposting each side of Hatten and tieing in with 42nd Infantry in Hatten.

48th -(A) moved approximately 1430 to Niederbetschdorf in reserve, moved back to former position, Bn Hq & Hq Co, B-48, D-48, to Surbourg; C-48 to Soultz where it reverted to 68th AIB control.

Plans were drawn up for tank, infantry attack at daylight to establish MLR east of Hatten using A-48 south of Hatten and two companies infantry north of Hatten.

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48 TANK BN
APO 496
U S ARMY

9 JAN 45

DAILY S-2 REPORT
TO S-2 CCA

NUMBER OF PRISONERS TAKEN 0
Estimated # of enemy killed 25
" " " " wounded 0
Number of German tanks destroyed 6

Report as of 1830 9 JAN 45

V. S. Greenhaume
1st Lt.
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Hq 14 AD
9 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMM'ARY

No. 35.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army - Ey attack to N has not made too much progress. Principal activity at SAND where the 14 Ey Tks that were stopped at KRAFT came back and attacked SAND. AOP says there is a bridge across the river E of ERSTEIN. (Unconfirmed and doubtful)

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Two ME 262's (jet propelled) reported over Corps area yesterday. Strafing reported in RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) and bombing reported vic INGWILLER (Q-8130). 79th Div - (Bridgehead area) Ey stubbornly and successfully opposed all our attempts to build a bridge at ROHRWILLER (R-1217) with small attacks between HAUSENHEIM (R-1516) and ROHRWILLER. No armor seen in this area yesterday. Estimated ey strength 800 to 1000. Ey resumed the attack yesterday against our positions in the MAGINOT Line vic. HOFFEN (R-1536) and were stopped short of the MLR. An attack in the same area this morning was likewise repulsed. 21st Pz Div believed to have suffered heavy casualties in the STUNDWILLER (R-1336) area. All units of the 21st Pz Div have been identified except for the following: 22 Pz Regt (Tks operating in area probably from this Regt), 200 AT Bn, 200 Sig Bn, 200 Field Replacement Bn, 119 PGR, 35 PGR of the 25 PG Div identified vic R-1833 this morning. During the night, some 280mm shells landed in HAGUENAU and BISCHWILLER. 45th Div - Generally no change in ey disposition or attitude. Considerable vehicular activity in PHILIPPSBOURG (Q-8742) -- DAMBACH (Q-9244) area. REIPERTSWILLER (Q-8036) area little change. Several small counterattacks — no gain. Some Arty fire. Harassing Arty fire received in town of INGWILLER (Q-8130) throughout the night.

XV Corps: Ey continues to attack on boundary between 100 and 44 Divs. One attack by two companies, one attack by 200 men and a third attack, strength unknown, each supported by 5 - 6 Tks made no gains. Ey still in RIMLING (Q-6555).

c. First and Third US Armies: - 9 SS Div moved from the northern flank of salient to BASTOGNE area. Ey pressure continues heavy throughout salient. In the extreme western nose of salient, the ey achieved a small gain against XXX British Corps.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Order of Battle.

(1) 256 VGD received more than 2000 man reinforcements before attack on Jan 1. 80% of these were Air Corps personnel.

(2) PW from 476 VGR of 256 VGD claims to have seen (on/about Jan 1) 5 Tiger Tanks at LUDWIGSWINKEL (Q-9453), 5 - 6 SP guns & 15 - 20 tanks (believed

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Tigers) between Q-882473 and Q-878463, and 60 Tks spread out on road between BERGZABERN (R-1956) and DAHN (R-0261) facing W.
(NOTE: These tanks may belong to 21 Pz Div)

(3) PW from 353 Flame Throwing Co claims 17 SS PGD (100/44 US Inf Div sector) has tank flame throwing Co attached to it. The Co (#353) had 10 Flame throwing tanks (Czech T 38 model) with a range of 50 yds. PW believes that this was an experimental unit and the only one of its kind in existance. It lost 6 of its tanks at GROS-REDERCHING (Q-6252).

(4) The Corps in charge across the RHINE apparently is XIV SS Corps. XIV Army Corps is a Panzer Corps and is located in ITALY. SS Corps to date have been known up to XIII. The Cmdr of XIV Corps is SS Obergruppenfuhrer Von Dem Bach.

(5) 36 Inf Div is now pulling out of XV Corps sector. This Div was refitted this summer, was in LUXEMBOURG from Sept to Nov, and in XV Corps sector since, where it participated in attack near WAISHEIM (Q-6362) on 31 Dec. Might appear in VI Corps sector. Greater probability of 245 Inf Div appearing here.

b. Air Bursts. The following two extracts indicate in part that the enemy is very conscious of a new artillery weapon:

"Between 1730 and 1830 on 22 Dec two PWs from the 277th VG Div noticed that nine out of every ten artillery shells would burst at a height of about thirty feet. There were no ground bursts at all. Some of the men tried to find cover in their log covered foxholes, but even there shrapnel penetrated the logs, some of which were up to 12 inches thick. PWs said that an additional number of litter bearers were sent out the next morning to bring in the exceptionally high number of wounded and dead caused by air bursts. Other PWs put particular stress on the accuracy of the Arty barrage laid on their position. They said that every yard was covered by shrapnel; no duds were found in the vicinity." (Source: V Corps Arty S-2 Bulletin)

"Germans think we are using a new type of shell. They describe it as an air burst. The results of these new shells on the German bodies and minds are very effective. One Co suffered 5 dead and 20 wounded after the explosion of only one of these air-bursting shells." (Source: First Army IPW Report)(VIX Corps Arty)

c. Weather: 10 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken low clouds, no precipitation. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn improving to 6 miles after 1000A. Wind W 6 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 16 degrees F.

11 Jan 45 - Broken clouds with occasional overcast conditions and intermittent snow. Visibility 1 - 2 miles in snow, 5 - 7 miles elsewhere. Wind westerly 6 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 18 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period ——— 1
Total PWs to date ———— 1010

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 35.

SUNRISE, SUNSET TABLES

JANUARY 1945

1. This table is based upon STRASBOURG and all times mentioned are "A" time.

2. Daylight is approx one hour before sunrise, darkness one hour after sunset.

3. CORRECTION TABLE:

(1)	EPINAL	-Plus 5 Minutes	(5)	HAGUENAU	-Plus 1 Minute
(2)	VESOUL	-Plus 5 Minutes	(6)	MULHOUSE	-Minus 1 Minute
(3)	SAARBRUCKEN	-Plus 5 Minutes	(7)	KARLSRUHE	-Minus 2 Minutes
(4)	SAVERNE	-Plus 2 Minutes	(8)	STUTTGART	-Minus 5 Minutes

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE
Jan 9	0819	1654	0315	1338	Last Quarter
10	0818	1655	0422	1401	
11	0818	1656	0528	1437	
12	0817	1658	0635	1521	New Moon
13	0817	1659	0737	1616	
14	0816	1701	****	****	
15	0815	1702	0917	1835	
16	0815	1704	0955	1952	
17	0814	1705	1026	2111	
18	0813	1707	1054	2230	
19	0812	1708	1120	2347	
20	0811	1710	1144		First Quarter
21	0810	1711	1209	0104	
22	0809	1713	1237	0220	
23	0808	1714	1310	0335	
24	0807	1716	1348	0447	
25	0806	1717	1434	0553	
26	0805	1718	1527	0653	
27	0804	1720	1627	0742	Full Moon
28	0803	1722	1731	0823	
29	0802	1723	1829	0857	
30	0801	1725	1944	0920	
31	0759	1727	2047	0949	

**** Indicates that moon is too close to sun for observation.

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ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 35.

PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810, 6811
G.S.G.S. 4414 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII-13-1 & 2

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
1. 74586064 This 6-gun light FA battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1. 715610 4-gun heavy AA battery.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. OBSTACLES.
1. 884569, 882565, 883575 - Trees felled across small gullies or foot-paths 888572, 893566 and 887564. at each M.R.

B. HUTMENTS, BARRACKS AND DUMPS.
1. 859664 Possible dump in wood. Two vehicles and fresh trackage are seen near a large shelter.

C. MISCELLANEOUS.
1. 89126412 OP under construction, consisting of short trench connecting 2 excavations.
2. 88685715 - 89105776 Column of 8 vehicles moving S/W

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 1 & 2.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
1. 95105284 Six medium F.A. battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1. 947530 Probable 2 gun light AA battery.

C. OBSTACLES.
1. 924539 Roadblock of felled trees, 175 yds long.

D. MISCELLANEOUS.
1. 926541 & 921539 Military activity in woods. Possibly a bivouac area. Two vehicles present and some trackage.
2. 94855300 Heavy trackage and several vehicles parked around building in LUDWIGSWINKEL.
3. 95255278 Heavy trackage around small wooded area with tracks leading into woods.

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 Tk Bn.

FROM 100[illegible] JAN. 45

TO 102400 JAN. 45

PLACE SURBOURG. FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
				Co. A. moved to attack to establish MLR east of Hatten.	
0812		1	0810	En. counterattack north of Hatten - Strength 200 Inf	Co B alerted 15 min.
		2	0812	Another en. counterattack by Inf South of Hatten.	
			0915	Bn C.O. to contact Inf C.O at Rittershoffen.	
0856		3	0855	Msg. Unable to contact other units - A/G.	A/G found to be in position at Niederbetschdorf
1038		4	1037	Instr Seagull to dispose Tanks same as yesterday	Bn alerted to move immediately
			1110	Bn C.P. closes at Surbourg	Msg to C.C.A
			1110	Bn C.P. opens in Column.	
			1126	Bn C.P. in Niederbetschdorf.	
1130		5	1130	Msg from A. - Just knocked out tank at 17338	Msg to C.C.A.
1145		6	1142	Still occupy same position.	Msg to CCA
			1150	Bn closed in assy area.	
	1240		1240	Brief attack by either large cal Arty or bombs in our present position. 2 killed and at least 3 wounded	To CCA
	1240		1240	Request sanding of road at hill SW Rittershoffen	To CCA
	1245		1245	Germans reported knocking position where we knocked out tanks yesterday. Small enemy Inf act vic 164326	To CCA
1325		7	1325	One en. Tk plus Inf moving into town at point 600 yds So. of point 32.	
1'		9	14[illegible]5	Wilson moves to 34. Passes to control 48	To C.O. 48

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FROM ______________________

TO ______________________

PLACE ______________________

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1340		(8)	1335	Report information of enemy tanks urgent in the clear & give number.	Msg to CCA
			1425	Co B. moves out to Res. Pos.	
			1500	Co B. in position.	
1405		(9)		Wilson moves at once to 34,8 [illegible] to control there. Employ it if necessary, particularly if enemy armor reaction to your attack should occur.	
1605		(10)		Report your present position.	
			1627	Forward elements at 172330 to 174340. No opposition reported	To CCA
1705		(11)	1705	Msg from Maj England - last contact w/C. Co.	
		(12)		Request for fire mission.	
	1700		1700	Art. Concentration on element N of road 400 yds W of BO. Suspected AT fire on Co S. of road vic 173333	To C.C.A.
1650		(13)	1648	Request Arty Conc on 178331	To FO.
1653		(14)	1650	C. Co. leading element west of BO. Lost 1 Tk. Still under art. fire	
			1725	No Tanks fire on Hatten	To 3 x 5.
		(15)	1627	Request location of your forward elements.	Msg to CCA.
		(16)	1730	Msg from Co C. - Units have not crossed BO. 2 Tks out	
		(17)	1730	Msg from 5 - I see fire on NE edge of town a C Co. flank	
		(18)	1743	Another Tk with track trouble. What is disposition - Co C.	
			2100	Bn closed in area - location C.P. same as last msg [illegible].	

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

10 January 1945

OPERATIONS OF 48TH TANK BATTALION ON 10 JAN 1945

A-48 was committed at 0830 from their position on east edge of Rittershoffen with mission of moving to east south of Hatten and capturing the terrain on either side of the road southeast of Hatten. Mission was changed shortly after the attack jumped off in order to counter threat of enemy attack to west north of Hatten. Bulk of A-48 moved to position northeast of Rittershoffen leaving remainder covering enemy southern approach. A-48 then assisted infantry in repelling attack of 200 infantry at 0830 reinforced at 0930 by 6 tanks. Number of infantry casualties inflicted is unknown, one tank was knocked out with one probable. A-48 remained in position until relieved at 1630.

At 1150 remainder of 48 closed in Niederbetschdorf area by order of higher headquarters. At 1500 B-48 had gone into battle position directly south of Rittershoffen. At 1530 C-48 had moved into battle position north and east of Rittershoffen.

At 1550 B-48 attacked to east through gap between Hatten and woods to south. Attack moved as planned until approximately 1645 when hostile fire from south edge of Hatten knocked out Company Commanders tank and communications on two platoon leaders tanks failed. Four tanks were hit by fire from Hatten and from direct east. Communications reestablished by 1730 and attack was resumed. Message received from higher headquarters directing withdrawal at 1735. Withdrawal accomplished with all tanks to Surbourg.

At 1600 C-48 attacked to east and north of Hatten with objective of seizing ground on either side of road to northeast of Hatten. Fire was received from north edge of Hatten at approximately 1700 disabling three tanks, and killing one tank commander. Six enemy tanks were definitely hit with AP ammunition which did not ricochet but extent of damage was not known. Unit was withdrawn beginning at 1730 to outpost position on east edge of Rittershoffen.

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S - 3 REPORT

From: 100001 JAN. 45
To: 102400 JAN. 45

SURBOURG, FR.
HQ. 48 TK BN.

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Maps: HAGENAU, SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
SEE ATTACHED REPORT

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4(76)	2			
	M4(105)	3			
"A" Co	M4(75)	7	2	2	1
	M4(76)	5		1	1
	M4(105)	1			
"B" Co	M4(75)	7			
	M4(76)	6		4	4
	M4(105)	1			
"C" Co	M4(75)	9		3	3
	M4(76)	5			
	M4(105)	1			
"D" Co	M5(37)	15		1	1
TOTAL	M4(75)	23	2	5	4
	M4(76)	18		5	5
	M4(105) M5(37)	15		1	1

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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To C.O. 48th Tank Bn.

Subject: Recon roads

I made a recon of the road between Surbourg and Rittershossen for need of sanding to prevent slipping of tanks. It is my belief that tanks can travel the road refered to above but recommend that grousers be used. The hill immediately outside of Rittershossen may cause slipping if grousers are not used.

Charles W. Bardwell
1st Lt. C.E.

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By [illegible] NARA Date [illegible]

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Patrols rt. flank rear
tank activity moving in on
Hatten.

3rd Bn. of Fuller reports it
2nd Bn. in Hatten reports it.
People on left flank report it.
~~Continuing.~~

Ø215 movement started
in front of Fuller Blue.

Col Schribers Hq. 0630
Someone to advise

~~Mongomery talk to Forage 5~~
Forage 6

Notified by Bismark 2
at 0640.

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Enemy tanks in position
E of Kaeten
2 E W rds. activity
Krauts building bridge
activity Standmiller & Buhl

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48 TR Bn.

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SURBOURG
10 JAN 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS —

1. 1ST + 2ND BNS 242 INF W/DRAWN FROM PRESENT FRONT LINE POSNS. 2ND BN 242 INF REORGANIZE IN VIC. RITTERSHOFFEN BE PREP AS RECONSTITUTED RESERVE TO ASSIST 315 INF(-) RESTORE LINE E. OF HATTEN ON ORDER. BE PREP. TO REPEL C/A ON ORDER.

2. 2ND BN 315 INF SECURE PORTION OF HATTEN NOW HELD BY TROOPS. CONTINUE ATK DAYLIGHT TO CLEAR REM. HATTEN OF EY. + EST. DEF. LINE E HATTEN. BE PREP. REPEL C/A AGAINST HATTEN.

3. 3RD BN 315 INF REM. PRES. POSN OUTPOSTING RITTERSHOFFEN. BE PREP PRIOR DAYLIGHT 11 JAN W/ Co MED. TKS TO REPEL POSSIBLE C/A FR RT. OR L. HATTEN ON ORDER.

4. CN Co PROVIDE OBSRV. W/ EA BN. PREP W/ DEF. FIRES ON CALL.

5. AT Co - ONE PLAT ATCHD EA BN PRES POSN. ONE PLAT W/ 3RD BN 313 INF PRES. POSN.

6. TKs - ONE Co MED TKS REMAIN W/ 3RD BN IN PRES. POSN PREP TO REPEL ARMD C/A.

7. TDs - ONE PLAT TDs SUPPT 2ND BN PRES. POSN AGAINST TK ATK.

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HQ 48 TANK BN,
APO 446
U.S. ARMY

10 JAN. 45

DAILY S-2 REPORT

TO: S-2 CCA.

ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED - 10

ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY WOUNDED - ——

NO. ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED. ~~5~~ 2

AS REPORTED TO ME AS OF 1800

U.S. Greenhaw
1st Lt.
S2

Major Studor

" England

No tanks fire on town of Hatten

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Hq 14 AD
10 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 36.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army - Enemy push out of COLMAR pocket has somewhat subsided. Enemy are out of HERRSHEIM (9272) and ROSSFELD (9171). Yesterday's count -- 50 PWs, 30 killed, 6 tanks destroyed.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: No change on W flank with enemy generally quiet. Enemy active on E flank with heavy enemy pressure continuing. 79th Div (Bridgehead Area) - At 0130A enemy launched an attack by Inf supported by two SP guns vic ROHRWILLER (R-1317) -- attack lasted two hours and was driven back. Ey pressure consisting of Inf, Arty, 4-5 tanks, much SA fire prevented friendly Bn from withdrawing from HERRLISHEIM (R-1214). At 0600A Bn was reported surrounded. Estimated strength in bridgehead area -- 1500-2000 men, approximately 5 tanks, 8-10 SP guns. Elms of all three Regts of the 553 Div have been identified. Yesterday afternoon the Germans attempted to double envelop the town of HATTEN (R-1733) with an estimated tank Bn and Inf. 7 Mk IVs and one SP gun were knocked out in this engagement. At 1900A, one half of HATTEN had been retaken despite stiff enemy opposition. At 0600A one enemy tank and Inf still in E part of HATTEN. Heavy traffic including tracked vehicles reported between WISSEMBOURG (R-1546) and NIEDERSCHEID (R-1441). 45th Div - Between 2015A and 2045A, 200 rounds estimated 75mm and 105mm fell vic WILDENGUTH (Q-7837). Patrol reports unknown number of enemy in DAMBACH (Q-9244). Ey activity along BAERENTHAL -- PHILIPPSBOURG road believed to be horse-drawn Arty. INGWILLER (Q-8130) again received harassing Arty fire last night. One P-47 with German markings flew over BOUXWILLER and strafed over MULHAUSEN (Q-8631) flying S?, low altitude at 1300A. PWs state 3 Cos with a total estimated strength of 150 to 180 men dug in vic Q-795385.

XV Corps: Heavy pressure continues on the front of the 100th and 44th Divs. 100th Div - Stopped a German attack of approximately 2 Cos of Inf supported by tanks in the RIMLING (Q-6555) area. Attack penetrated 2 km. 36th Div - Enemy made a slight penetration in an attack yesterday but were thrown back by a counter-attack and original line restored.

c. First and Third US Armies: 1st, 2nd, and 12th SS Divs are out of contact. Very heavy resistance all along S flank of salient. XII Corps repulsed a counter-attack estimated enemy to be about 2 Bns and 20 tanks. 7 tanks knocked out and no ground lost.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. 2nd armored and 2nd Panzer.

The meeting of the US 2nd Armored Division and the German 2nd Panzer Division was a fitting comparison of Allied and German armored might. Each was an

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able representative of the armored divisions of its army. For three days the engagement continued, involving hundreds of small battles. By 25 Dec the German onslaught began to falter, stopped and gradually withdrew, losing heavily in men and materiel. The following figures will give some idea of the destruction suffered by the 2nd Panzer Division during the period 23 Dec and 27 Dec. It is estimated the division strength just before this four-day period was approximately 8000 men and 100 tanks:

PWs taken	1,050
Estimated killed	2,000-2,500
Tanks destroyed	52
Tanks captured	3
Artillery pieces destroyed	6
Artillery pieces captured	12
AT guns destroyed	8
Assault guns destroyed	4
Assault guns captured	1
Vehicles destroyed	121 (incl 30 armored vehicles)
Vehicles captured	69 (incl 10 armored vehicles)

(Source: 1st US Inf Div)

b. Enemy Methods.

The following slip was found in the Soldbuch of a prisoner from the 477 GR:

"If I am captured I may give only:

Name, Rank, Home address

If I say more, I break my oath as a soldier and am a dishonorable traitor to my country."

(Source: VI Corps G-2 Periodic Report No. 146, 8 Jan 45)

c. Weather: 11 Jan 45 - Broken clouds with occasional overcast conditions and intermittent snow. Visibility 1 - 2 miles in snow, 5 - 7 miles elsewhere. Wind westerly 8 - 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 18 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period.....None
Total PWs to date.....1010

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 36:

GERMAN MARK IV MEDIUM TANK

Weighing up to 24 tons in battle array, it is the standard German medium tank. Ten models are known to have been produced. All models utilize the same suspension arrangement of eight evenly spaced bogie wheels, 18½ inches in diameter, sprung in pairs on each side, with four return rollers. The chassis of this tank is used as a self-propelled mount for heavier guns, such as the "Hornet", the "Bee", and the "Grizzly Bear". All models except two carry the short-barrelled 7.5 cm KwK gun, 24 calibers in length; models F and G specifications for which are given below, mount the experimental KwK 40, 43 cals in length.

Weight.....24 tons
Length.....19 ft 4 ins.
Width.....9 ft 9 ins.
Height.....8 ft 6 ins.
Ground Clearance.....15 ins.
Width of track.....15 ins.
Fording depth.....3 ft.
Theoretical radius of action:
  Roads.....130 miles
  Cross-Country.....80 miles
Speed:
  Road.....28 mph.
  Cross-Country.....15 mph.
Armor:
  Front plate (Incl superstructure and turret).50mm
  Sides.....30mm
Armament:
  2 - 7.92mm MG's 34 (1 Co-axial, 1 ball mount)
Ammunition.....7.5 cm gun - 87 rds
  MG's - 2250 rds
Crew.....5

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 110001 JAN. 45

TO 112400 JAN. 45.

PLACE NIEDERBETSDORF, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0800	Liaison orders received from C.C.A. - by phone	
			0817	Co. CO's & Plat Ldrs assembled at Bn. Hq for orders.	
0831		(1)	0830	Msg from A Co. C. - receiving heavy enemy attack. Lt Tks knocked out.	To 3 + 5 TCCB
0926		(2)	0925	Send Recon prep for Sunday Mirror	
0916		(3)	0915	Lt Report from Sunday Mirror enemy patrol very active. 4 Tanks knocked out.	
			1009	Msg to CCA - Lt Tks in position B Co going to support C Co. A Co. taking up firing position where our Inf had ordered to dig in yesterday.	To C.CA
1027		(4)	1030	Recon Pl requests information	Request sent to Seagull
1032		(5)	1030	Keep me informed - H5	
1032		(6)	1030	Notify C Co friendly duty may fall to their rear	To Co C 1055
1100		(7)	1036	Msg from CCB - Situation	To 5 + 6
1107		(8)	1100	Liaison from - Seagull	To CCA.
1116		(9)	1115	Request for situation	
1139		(10)	1137	Higher Hq wants to know what town there is Tk in - from C Recon	Dy to Sit Rep
1141		(11)	1140	Request for coordinates of H.Q. Sit. - Seagull	Msg to Seagull
		(12)	1158	Recd Thanksgiving Position where groups are pinned down, will see where fire is coming from and then continue on mission on left flank.	
		(13)	1212	Spotted Tks PT guns in good condition that were abandoned by our own troops fired 30 cal & HE into them nothing came out as yet.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1222		14	1220	Have Sunray report to Fuller CO of area.	
1232		15	1230	Give us all info about report that Germans cut road W of RR at 154340. Verify & inform us of enemy strength & other details.	
1222		16	1220	Location same as coord given for small arms fire.	
			1348	Msg to C.O. Our recon man report seven tks moving in vicinity of church.	
1330		17	1330	Ey tks is 158340. We have him under observation. One other tanks is reported to be moving on road SE coming to west. Location of C.P.	To C.C.A.
1317		18	1317	~~(Intercept)~~ AT fire from SE. Shooting at D Co from S.E	
		19	1325	One Tk hit others taking better cover.	
				7 Ey tanks spotted in vicinity of town - from Inf. Ln off	To CCA.
		20	1355	There is no part of Bismark outfit with me - D Co.	told to make contact.
			1600	Report to C.C.A of 8-10 ey tanks coming in fr. south from Lt. Caudill.	
				Tentative order received from CCA - Ln off.	
				Friendly Tks & [illegible] attacking behind Co. C	To CCA
		21	1650	Msg fr. Seagull. Receiving some Arty fire - No doughs sighted	
		22	1655	Msg for Co D. Request for medic jeep.	
		23	1700	Doughs in sector being pinned down by small arms fire. Requests part of A Co. force.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1701		(24)	1700	Dan to retiring bearing of Arty fire. Arty lifted. Bde in same position	
		(25)	1758	Are their any further orders a/s-	
			1805	Orders received to pull Bn (-Coy) to Betsdorf-	S.2 to contact C.O's
1835		(26)	1820	2 Sn tanks in Rittershoffen are moving west along main st firing into Bde's in west half of town -	
		(27)	1845	Msg from C.C. - Leave vehicle.	
		(28)	2245	Msg from Nolan - Tks attacking N&E Platten	
			2300	Attack order received from C.O.D. -	

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(To be submitted to Hq CCA, 14th AD by 2100 for each day's operation)
For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

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From: 110001 JAN.
To: 112400 JAN 45

HQ. 48 TK BN
NIEDERSBETSDORF, FR.

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Maps: HAGENAU SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY;
4000 - VIS 300 YDS
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
See Journal

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
VS
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS;

- over -

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4 (76)	2				
	M4 (105)	3				
"A" Co	M4 (75)	7	2	2		
	M4 (76)	5		1		
	M4 (105)	1				
"B" Co	M4 (75)	6 - ~~8~~		1	1	INCL 1 TK DOZER
	M4 (76)	6 - ~~4~~		4		
	M4 (105)	1				
"C" Co	M4 (75)	~~16~~		6	3	
	M4 (76)	3		2	2	
	M4 (105)			1	1	
"D" Co	M5 (37)	13		3	1	
TOTAL	M4 (75)					
	M4 (76)					
	M4 (105) M5 (37)					

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

Note: To be submitted in single copy.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION

11 January 1945

FIELD ORDER: (Issued Orally)

1. a) Enemy occupies south edge Rittershoffen and unknown part of Hatten, probably has tanks or antitank guns at both places. He may also have antitank defenses south of Hatten.
   b) Friendly troops hold west edge of Rittershoffen and unknown part of Hatten. Woods to south are partly occupied by friendly troops extent to east unknown
   b) CCA atk at 0750 to assist in restoring main LR, 48 on right, 68 on left.

2. 48 attacks south edge Ritters at 0750,
   LD, dug in position of B-68
   Time: 0750
   Direction: East
   Initial obj: South edge Rittershofen and commanding ground on east edge, further obj later.

3.a) B-68 will initially take south edge Rittershoffen and consolidate east and south edge of Ritters with tanks and continue on order.
   b) B-48 will move to positions south of RR and support advance of B-68 by fire, continue east on order.
   c) C-48 will move to position on southwest edge of Rittershoffen behind B-68 to directly support B-68 by fire, then move to east edge of Rittershoffen, outposting position for protection to Nand E
   d) D-48 protect right flank and rear atk and obj when taken.

4. Hot breakfast where possible before daylight.

5.a) CP, southwest part Rittershoffen.
   b) Current SOI in effect.

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Hq 14 AD
11 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 37.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army:

I Corps - No change.

II Corps - Enemy attacks repulsed by 1st DMI. Bulk of enemy forces now seem to be contained in area S of ERSTEIN with nearest enemy about 3 miles from the town. Fighting continues in GAMBSHEIM.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - 79th Div - Heavy fighting continues on northern front with enemy putting up strong defense in eastern part of HATTEN (R1833) with infantry and tanks supported by arty fire. Enemy infantry and two tanks attacked RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) at 0730A. Attack contained to eastern part of town in heavy fighting. Enemy digging in on ridge R159342--R172344. Friendly troops pulled out of HERRLISHEIM (R-1214) according to plans. 45th Div - Small counter attack launched at 2200A vic ALTHORN (Q-755400) was dispersed without loss of ground. Enemy attacked in zone Q-777385--Q-795385 with elements of 6 SS Mtn Div--mission to secure high ground N of WILDENGUTH (Q-7838). PWs indicate armor would be used.

AV Corps - No information.

c. First and Third US Armies:

Strong enemy counter attack against positions on high ground about 1 mile NE of TILLET repulsed.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Enemy Agents. Captured enemy espionage agents of a BRANDENBURG Co state that two groups of agents will soon cross the RHINE River vic SELTZ (R-2732) with a mission of blowing up existing gasoline and ammunition dumps in or near HAGUENAU.

(1) Group 1 (Civilians). The civilian group will consist of German and French personnel dressed in dark overcoats or trench coats and ski trousers of a dark color. These men may wear berets and will probably carry packs. Each man will carry a foreign pistol, Belgian or Czech and each will have identifying papers which show him to be a former French soldier. If captured, these men will state that they have escaped from a German prison camp. Several men of the group will carry plastic explosives. Explosives will be in several pieces and will probably be carried in their packs. This group is equipped with French dog tags of the wrist type.

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(2) Group 2 (Military). This group will be composed of four to six men, both French and German. They will be dressed as follows: Ski shoes, beige colored ski trousers, white on inside for camouflage in snow; parka jacket, dark green on outside and white on inside; the jacket has a hood which can be pulled over the head and five pockets, three in front and two in back. These men will also wear a German dark grey mountain cap which in some cases may have a Death's Head insignia in front and a triple Oak Leaf on the left side. Each man of this group will be armed with a machine gun and a Luger pistol. Also, the group will carry four pieces of high explosives and two or three incendiary grenades. They will be equipped with German pay books, dog tags, field glasses, watches, compasses, maps and rations for four days. (Source: VI Corps Periodic Report No. 147).

b. I. WHY HELP THE ENEMY?

Following incident occurring 2 Jan 1945 is an indicative that there are still those who are derelict in properly instructing men posted as sentries on road blocks. In light of information recently disseminated concerning the infiltration of Germans in American uniforms and the probable movement of German Intelligence agents behind our lines, the dereliction disclosed below is even more glaring.

An officer was riding in a civilian car painted OD with US markings. He had no helmet on at the time and no visible unit insignia. His vehicle was stopped at a road block and the sentry looked inside the car. Without a single question being asked, the car moved on. Amazed at such laxity, the officer questioned the sentry.

"Why did you stop this car?"

"This is a road block, sir."

"What are you looking for?"

"We're checking vehicles to see if there are any Germans in American uniforms in them."

"Well, how do you know that I am not a German?"

"I know that you are an officer because I saw the bar on your collar."

"Don't you ask for the password?"

"Yes, in cases when we're not sure of the man."

"What do you do if a passerby does not know the password? I don't happen to know it myself."

"That's all right, sir. The password today is BUZZ - BOMB. You'll need it at the next road block down the way."

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At the next road block, the vehicle was again stopped and upon being challenged the password, BUZZ - BOMB, was given. The sentry replied, "Sir, that's the old password which has been compromised and they're not using it any more. The new password is THOROUGH - JOB." (VI Corps Periodic Report No. 148).

II. HOW TO BE AN AGENT

During the past several days attention has been called to the ease with which officers and men of the American Army and, in some instances, of the German Army, have circulated within our lines. Following extract from Ninth US Army Cir 20 is quoted as further evidence that the enemy will always take advantage of our gullibility: "On 19 Dec 44 an agent of the Sicherheitsdienst (German Intel Service) was arrested in KERKRADE. Interrogation of subject revealed that he approached several American officers on 22 Sept 44 and asked to be atchd to the American Army. He was given a short interview and stated that his nationality was Dutch. He was not required to substantiate his statements with any documents. He was given an American uniform and was given no specific duties other than to drive a Lt Col around, until he was apprehended. (Source: XX Corps G-2 Report 152, 8 Jan 1945: VI Corps Periodic Report No 148).

c. Weather: 12 Jan 45 - Increasing high and intermediate clouds, scattered low clouds. Cloudy at night. Very light snow flurries near sunset. Visibility 6 - 8 miles. Wind NE 10 MPH. Min. temp. 5 degrees F.

13 Jan 45 - Partly cloudy throughout day clearing at night. Visibility 2 - 3 miles during day lowering to 1 mile or less at night. Wind NE 7 - 9 MPH. Continued cold. Min. temp. 10 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period -- 2
Total PWs to date ------- 1012

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	SECRET
Auth:	CG, 14th A.D.
Init:	
Date:	11 Jan. 1945.

Hq., 14th Armd Div.
Vic: BOUXWILLER (Q8125)
110810 January 1945.

OPNS INSTNS NO. 8.

Map: France, 1/100,000.

1. Div (-) moves to advance assembly area vic WOERTH (R0037) - BIBLIESHEIM (R0433) at 110900 January 1945.

2. Troops:

CCB	CCR	DIV TRS
Hq & Hq Co	Hq	FE
25	47 (-B Co)	Hq Co
62	#19	MP Plat
A-94	*94 (-A & C)	Band (-)
B-125	Det 154	Det 154
Det 154	**117	398 (-)
	*125 (-)	

#To join CCR in new assembly area.
*Atchd CCR for march and bivouac only.
**To remain in present assembly area.

3. a. Routes:

No. 1 UEBERACH - MERTZWILLER - MORSBRONN LES BAINS - GUNSTETT.

No. 2 - ZINSWILLER - GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN - GUNDERSHOFFEN - REICHSHOFFEN - WOERTH.

b. Order of March:

(1) CCB

(2) CCR

(3) Div Trs will move by infiltration.

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c. IP's:

(1) Route No. 1 - LAWALCK for CCB.
- PFAFFENHOFFEN for CCR and Div Trs.

(2) Route No. 2 - ZINSWILLER.

d. Assembly Areas:

(1) CCB - WOERTH - OBERDORF-SPACHBACH - GUNSTETT - BIBLISHEIM (Do not move into towns E of this line).

(2) CCR - GUNDERSHOFFEN - FORSTHEIM - LAUBACH - MERTZWILLER.

(3) Div Trs - MORSBRONN LES BAINS.

4. a. CCB will use both Routes No. 1 and 2.

b. Div Trs and CCR will use Route No. 1.

c. CCR establish Ln with CCB for time of movement.

d. Div MP's will post Route No. 1 for CCR and Div Trs.

5. Density - 30; Rate Speedometer - 10 (Column commanders authorized to increase speed roads permitting).

6. Div Arty - Continue on present mission.

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FROM 120001 JAN. 45

TO 122400 JAN. 45

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0130		(1)	0128	Msg from 4 - Re meals.	
0200		(2)	0200	Msg from 4 Re. Wire detail.	
			0600	Co C.O. meeting at Bn C.P. F.O. issued orally.	
0800		(3)	0755	Msg from C.O. Everything all as planned.	Msg to CCA.
0843		(4)	0843	Msg from C.O. Doughs located at edge of Obj.	Msg to CCA
0844		(5)	0844	Msg from Bn (Peters) 1 Veh turned over - no cas.	To CCA
0846		(6)	0845	Msg from C.O. Doughs now of 100	To CCA
0722		(7)	0720	Report any ey inf - C.CA	
0855		(8)	0855	One of Doughs veh. turned over. No cas.	To CCA
0920		(9)	0920	Urgent that sit be developed. Push patrols in direction of 32.	To C.O.
0920		(10)	0920	Have reached point 100 yds of 115 - C.O.	To CCA
0930.		(11)	0930	Encountered strong point at 100. Trying to outflank 120.	To CCA.
1002		(12)	1000	Msg fr C.O. Inform Higher Hq we do not have enough doughs. They are being driven back by Arty.	To C.CA.
1014		(13)	1014	Report two ey tanks dug in at C.R. So of 105.	To C.CA.
		(14)	1025	Have you requested Arty on dug in tanks - C.CA	
		(15)	1027	Give friendly location in clear using any ck points - CCA	
		(16)	1030	Intercept (E3 to Sunray) Have moved Tk up at 120. Recd Arty fire.	
		~~(17)~~	~~1400~~	~~Still hqs. Can hear guns of [illegible] firing from [illegible] Bunker - [illegible]~~	~~To CCA~~

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1145		(19)	1040	Destroy church steeple - Latter happen. Use fire from next to Guard other unit - CCA	To C.O.
1105		(18)	1100	O.P. spotted enemy tank moving into town from Hatten - C.O.	To CCA.
1208		(19)	1207	Last one hours Big Day. Am retiring to new position. What time does TF take off	
1230		(20)	1229	Send Med Bn on Road towards Company's position -	On way
1320		(21)	1317	Send MR to where D Co is. One vehicle needs assistance.	
1405		(22)	1400	Shell Lip - can hear guns & medical troops from Hill 8.	To CCA.
1455		(23)	1450	Maj Fr. 44 - 5 man patrol working it's way fr Hatten to Latter happen -	To CCA.
	1501	(24)	1500	Maj Fr. C.O. - Have lu off report here -	
1723		(25)	1723	Day is now moving in firing by D do not receive instruction from Sunray now Company to start firing on Hatten	(Interrupt) S3 - CB
1724		(26)	1724	open fire on Hatten until further orders	S3 - B-C (Interrupt)
1727		(27)	1727	Keep fire particularly on R.R. station and roads going NO part in Hatten.	(Interrupt) S3 - B-C.
1604		(28)	1602	Do Inants to know if mission can be fired - 158337 - Co A.	
1730		(29)	1730	Acknowledge - covering with heavy fire - Co D.	
1731		(30)	1731	Limit of advance is line running covering with heavy fire - Co D.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
		(31)	1919	Msg fr. C.C.A - additional pers of 244 attached to 118 Inf at once - until 130800-	
			2100	Bn C.O. to C.C.A.	
			2330	Co C.O.'s called to Bn CP. FO. issued	
				Rec'd Monthly Journal.	

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Radio Voice Transmissions are becoming excessive and will be reduced by 50% at once. Messages to the Hq, except in extreme emergencies will invariably be written before transmission. Commanders, to will be written add hobbing except in emergencies must be stop. Briefest Possible understandable language will be used.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
APO 446 US ARMY

12 January 1945

FIELD ORDER: (Issued Orally)

1. a) Enemy hold part of Rittershoffen and Hatten and ground to NE and SE.
   b) 1.14AD w/2nd & 3rd Bn 315 captures R & H and reestablishes MLR
   2.CCB attacks by fire from Leiterswiller-Rittershoffen rd, follows any enemy withdrawal. 25 will not cross that rd.
   3.CCR crosses line Rittershoffen rd to south at 0800 atks and captures Hatten and reestablishes MLR.
   4.2nd Bn 315 attached to CCR at Hatten.
   5.Div Arty, Division control.
   6.CCA w/3rd Bn 315 atks at 0800 completes clearing of Rittershoffen, reorganizes prepared to move East to assist CCR in capturing Hatten.
   7.3rd Bn, 315 will secure that part of Rittershoffen on attached overlay.
   8.68 atks 0800 captures part of Rittershoffen shown on overlay.

2. 48 smokes SE corner Rittershoffen from 0800-0845 atks and captures that part Rittershoffen shown on overlay using medium tks to cut rd between Rittershoffen and Hatten and reorganizes to follow leading elements of CCR and coordinates with 3rd Bn, 315

3. a) B-48 move from assemb area in woods South of Rittershoffen at 0800 to take positions SE Rittershoffen to cut Rittershoffen-Hatten rd by fire.
   b) C-48 attacks SE part Rittershoffen with B-68 thru town.
   c) D-48 protect right flank and rear of attacking elements.

4. XXX

5. a) CP southwest part of Rittershoffen.
   b) Current SOI in effect.

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From: 170001 JAN.
To: 172400 JAN.

HQ. 48 VI CLBN.
NIEDERSBERSDORF, FR

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Maps: HAGENAU SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

48 attacked south edge of Rittershoffen pivoting LD, dug in position of B-68, at 0750. Attack went on schedule until Inf. encountered enemy strong point and atty west of N-S road south of Rittershoffen. One plat of Co flanked strongpoint to south and encountered fire. Tanks of B and C Co supported Inf. with fire

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

VERY SATISFACTORY.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Penetrations to south end of town - but unable to clear town of enemy.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4(76)	2				
	M4(105)	3				
"A" Co	M4(75)	7	2	2		W/68
	M4(76)	5		1		
	M4(105)	1				
"B" Co	M4(75)	3		[illegible]	1 [illegible]	
	M4(76)	5		3 [illegible]	[illegible]	
	M4(105)	1		[illegible]		
"C" Co	M4(75)	5		1		1 TK DOZER INCL.
	M4(76)	1		3 #	1	
	M4(105)			1		
"D" Co	M5(37)	12		5 #		
TOTAL	M4(75)	15	2	12	1	
	M4(76)	13		9	1	
	M4(105)	5		1		
	M5(37)	12		4		

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

NOTE: 5 TKS, Co B, AT 7TH ARMY DRIVING SCHOOL, NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

12 January 1945

OPERATIONS ON 12 JANUARY, 1945

48th moved due east to attack at 0750. Artillery concentration fell on objective from 0750 - 0805. B-48 moved across LD at 0750, maneuvered rapidly to the right flank and brought fire on the objective southeast edge Rittershoffen, by 0800. Attached Inf Co moved up near objective but did not advance further because of enemy fire. C-48 moved in rear of infantry to support by fire. Fire of B-48 was lifted on order of Bn CO at 0840 and infantry assaulted objective, was repulsed by small arms fire. D-48 had moved into position on south flank to cover flank and rear, continued in this mission until 1650. B-48 remained in position south of objective ready to support with fire by order until 1700. From 1100 until 1300 one section of B-48 was engaged in maneuvering close in to right side of objective. Section lost one tank destroyed, the other two withdrew to company position on order. C-48 continued to support with fire from close range the entire day. One Tank, C-48, lost by anti-tank fire.

At 1650 D-48 moved on order rapidly due eastflanking Rittershoffen and Hatten, firing upon south edge Hatten. B-48 covered advance of D-48 by intense fire upon Hatten until 1700. At that time the bulk of B-48 moved to accompany D-48 continuing its fire upon Hatten. At 1720 withdrawal of D-48 and B-48 to outpost positions at Niederbetchdorf began, being completed by 1920. Resupply completed during night.

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Hq 14 AD
12 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 38.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army:

I Corps - No change.

II Corps - OBENHEIM (Q-9673) reported surrounded by the enemy. Enemy pressure continued at KRAFF (Q-9780) and BENFELD (Q-8974). The entire 198 Inf Div and approx 40 tks of the 106 Pz Brigade are reported to be operating in the II Fr Corps zone. The enemy holds HERBSHEIM (V-9272) and ROSSFELD (V-9171).

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Enemy continues strong and aggressive action in the nose of the BITCHE salient, and in the RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) and HATTEN (R-1733) areas. Enemy arty fire increased considerably for the period. 79th Div - At noon yesterday the enemy had Inf and tks in HATTEN (R-1733) and RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533). Last night at 2200A enemy Inf and tks attacked HATTEN from the N and E and was reported to hold all but the SW part of the town at that time. Considerable track and wheel vehicle movement was heard all night between STEINSELTZ (R-1445) - REIDSELTZ (R-1643) and INGOLSHEIM (R-1441) at 0935A. 3 Mk IV tks were reported at R-159343. At 1000A enemy artillery fire, continued to fall in RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) and one enemy tk was reported in the town. At 1130A CCB received a fair concentration of enemy arty fire on the road running from RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) N to LEITERSWILLER (R-1536). Enemy AT gun reported at R-162336. At 1200A enemy was stubbornly resisting our attack on RITTERSHOFFEN with S/A, arty and tk fire. 45th Div - Between 0900A and 2000A yesterday 1500 rds of enemy arty and mortar fire fell in WILDENGUTH (Q-7837). Enemy C/A yesterday afternoon in the area N of WILDENGUTH, which was preceded by a strong arty concentration, was stopped along the 38 Northing in the WILDENGUTH-SAEGMUHL area. The enemy resisted strongly our attempts to regain the ground lost. Strong enemy S/A and mortar fire received vic hill at Q-830382 at 1800A yesterday. Close contact with the enemy continued in the western and central parts of their zone. Increased vehicular movement was heard on the NEUNHOFFEN (Q-9146) - DAMBACH (Q-9244) road at dusk last night.

XV Corps: No report on enemy activity. Situation described as static.

c. First and Third US Armies: Enemy is reported to be withdrawing from the W part of the salient.

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2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. German Tactical Use of Searchlights in a Ground Role. The following are observations and recommended countermeasures by units who have had these lights used in their sectors:

Observations

(1) The lights appear to be high intensity arc lights and are so strong that troops directly in front of them cannot observe movement of enemy or locate positions of lights.
(2) Beams appear to be used to spot objectives and as guides for Inf, tanks and arty.
(3) Beams are stationary and are sited at angles ranging from the horizontal to 45 degrees. When sited at angles above the horizontal, the beam reflects from the low clouds or overcast and lights the ground.
(4) Lights were used in groups of from 3 to 12.
(5) Lights stayed on from 15 minutes to one hour. In one case reported, they were used on and off during the entire night. In most instances they were used only for a short time prior to daylight.

Recommended Countermeasures

(1) Use of sound and flash arty teams to locate lights.
(2) Use arty and night fighters to destroy lights.
(3) Fire from flanks, as enemy troops and vehicles are silhouetted in beams.
(4) Use of liaison planes to locate lights.
(5) Flank Bns take intersection and arty can fire on lights.

When first used our troops were confused, but advantage was taken of their subsequent use and hvy casualties were inflicted on the enemy troops silhouetted in the lights. (Source: 30th British Corps: VI Corps Periodic Report No. 149).

b. Weather: 13 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken low clouds. Visibility 1 - 2 miles during morning improving to 3 - 5 miles in afternoon. Wind NE 6 - 10 MPH. Min. temp. 9 degrees F.

14 Jan 45 - Clear, no precipitation. Visibility 1/2 - 1 mile, improving to 3 - 4 miles after 1100A but lowering to 1/2 - 1 mile after 1800A. Wind L 8 - 10 MPH. Min. temp. 11 degrees F.

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 38

SEVENTH ARMY PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII 13, 1 & 2
XXXIX 15, 5 & 6

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000 Sheets 6811, 7015, 7114, 7115, 7214, 7215.

Map Sheet XXXVIII 13, 1 & 2.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

920535 — Roadblock of felled trees about 165 yds length.
926541 — Roadblock of felled trees.

Map Sheet XXXIX 15, 5 & 6.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

17050800 — Possibly occupied 4 gun hvy AA battery.
17100800 — Possibly occupied 3 gun lt AA.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. MISCELLANEOUS.

899638 — Underground entrance.

Map Sheet 7015.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

347358 to 350359 — Trench under construction.

Map Sheet 7114.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

284323 — Fire trench surrounded by wire.
290322 — Trench system now surrounded by wire.

B. OBSTACLES.

306313 & 313314 — Roadblocks consisting of walls approx 3' thick 10' gap.

C. DEMOLITIONS.

304317 — Road bridge blown. 125' blown gap, 195' wet gap. By-pass by bridging at site.

275325 — Road bridge blown. 75' blown gap, 105' wet gap. By-pass by bridging at site.

Map Sheet 7115.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

32652665 — Four light FA guns. These guns are not emplaced and no activity is visible around them. May be a dummy battery.

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Map Sheet 7115 (Cont.)

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

32272800 — 4-gun light FA battery. These guns are not emplaced, but each gun has a casemate about 50' to its rear. It appears that these guns could be withdrawn into the casemates.

32362876 — Possible 2-gun light battery.

32652890 — Probable 4 gun lt FA battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

354335 & 353331 — Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position at each M.R.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

32552465 - 33832527 — Communication trench.

338252 — Shelter - (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprints)

32852505, 32802499, 32752495 & 24873275 - Shelters.

329264 — Pillbox - (Confirms purple info on Defense Overprints)

32742645 — Shelter.

31852645 - 33282680 — Communication trench.

32002645, 32382658 & 33262680 Pillbox at each M.R.

320271 - 320274 - 32202745 - 323271 Band of wire.

325273 — Strongpoint of trench system and two pillboxes.

328283 - 319285 — Communication trench.

412290 - 415291 — Fire trench.

368312 — Shelter.

367304 - 366299 — Fire trench connecting previously reported trenches.

402283 - 403285 — Extension of previously reported trench through woods.

371331 & 366330 — Shelter at each M.R.

D. MISCELLANEOUS.

404285 — Underground entrance.

Map Sheet 7214.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.

27451680 - 27571708 — Communication trench.

25551820 — Four shelters; (Confirms purple info on Defense overprints)

26431694 — Shelter.

26551711 — Shelter; (Confirms purple info on Defense overprints)

26851680 — Pillbox.

B. FIELD BATTERIES.

197000 — Possible 3-gun lt FA battery; (Plotted as 197200)

C. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

20691505 — 4-gun hvy AA battery.

205150 — 3-gun lt AA battery.

206152 — Possibly occupied 3-gun lt AA battery.

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General Note:

A peculiar system of what appears to be single strands of wire is seen radiating in straight lines from pillboxes in the vicinity of WINTERSDORF and RASTATT.

ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 38

ORDER OF BATTLE

1. 25 PGD DIV. 1st Bn 35 PGR and 2nd Bn 119 PGR participated in the attack on HATTEN on 9 Jan. They were supported by 5 Tk Bn, which is reported to have been completely refitted with 9 - 11 M-V tks for each of its 3 tk Co's and 9 x 75mm Ass Guns on M-IV chassis for its 4th Co. According to PW statement only 23 vehicles (17 tks and 6 Ass Guns) were in condition at that time and participated in the attack, that 12 tks were destroyed and 2 badly damaged. Losses of both Bns were high and they withdrew to the woods to regroup. There they were joined by the 2nd Bn 192 PGR (21 Pz Div) which had had heavy losses the day before at STUNDWILLER (R-1836). The 3 Bns renewed the attack with the objective of taking the high ground NE RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1634). An American C/A drove them back to the forest and losses once more were heavy. PW claims 17 German tks and Ass guns were destroyed. (This probably but may not include 14 tanks mentioned above).

2. 21 PZ DIV. 2 Bn 192 PGR was reformed vic KANDEL (R-3353) then moved to BITCHE area on 31 Dec and back to WISSEMBOURG 2 days later. It suffered heavy losses. No regimental co's are believed to exist in 192 PGR, nor is there a 3rd Bn. A large percentage of the personnel (50% in 7 Co) were 18 year old recruits with 9 months of training. 125 PGR also has only 2 Bns and no regimental companies. It came to WISSEMBOURG area about 3 Jan. Much of the Regt (50%) consists of recruits with 3 - 4 months training. Officer PW estimates that 21 Pz Div has 70 tks, mostly M-V, and carries 150 men replacements in its Repl Bn. 155 Pz Arty Regt has 6 light and 3 heavy batteries. All guns are mtz, but not SP. Btrys have 4 guns each. Light have 105 Gun/How's, heavy 150 How's.

3. 6 SS Mtn Div. 1st and 3rd Bn 12 SS Regt are almost wiped out, but elms of 2nd Bn 12 Regt and 2nd and 3rd Bns 11 Regt have now been identified in line. There is also in addition to 506 SS Bn (Mtz) another mobile component: 6 SS Recn Bn of 4 co's, two motorcycle co's, one jeep co and 1 hy co w/4 x 75 AT guns. Total strength: 200. PW from 15 Co 11 Regt claims that company strength in 3rd Bn are 120 - 150 (it was only 60 in 1st and 3rd Bn 12 Regt) and that commitment of his Bn was only prelude to large scale attack in which another SS Div (believed to be 5 SS Pz Div VIKING) and a hy weapons brigade were to take part.

4. 553 VG Div. According to PWs from the 1119, 1120 and 1121 GRs, the 553 VG Div underwent a reorganization toward the end of Dec 44 in which remnants of all these Regts were formed into a Bn KAPPES (1st Lt) which, about 300 strong initially, now constitutes the I Bn, 1119 GR. It remains to be seen

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to what extent the 1120 and 1121 GRs will be reconstituted but, judging from recent interrogation of PWs from Bn HOPPE, efforts were made to rebuild at least the 1120 GR, now considered to be defunct once more. Thus recent contacts with 1119, 1120 and 1121 GRs actually identify only I Bn, 1119 GR, also known as Bn KAPPES. Most recently the Bn KAPPES, which has had serious reverses of its own, is claimed to have also absorbed these remnants of the II Bn, 2 SS Police Regt which survived the action in the vic of DRUSENHEIM(R-1518).

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1 (P) D (Schmidt Mill)

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ORGANIZATION HQ 43 TANK BN

FROM 130001 JAN 45

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0818		1	0805	We are now on S edge of town being fired on by friendly FNF.	Msg to CCA.
0820		2	0820	Tell higher Hqs attack group moving thru me can do so under perfect cover of smoke.	Msg to CCA.
	0911			No change in last 45 minutes.	to CCA
0904		3		No need to send more staff to Sgt Org until called for.	
0915		4		Present situation - unit has passed thru me successfully with very few casualties. They are engaging their objective with fire receiving little resistance to my observation. My force on South is on prescribed position and receiving little or no fire	Msg to CCA
0930		5		Wilson force engaging on his mission. He is working continuously but is moving forward.	Msg to CCA
0938		6		3 is here now. 5 has reached strong point. Bringing attack to get around on flank.	Msg to CCA
0950		7		Just lost one big boy at Point around church.	Msg to CCA
1035		8		Near edge of town. We lost one big boy near strong point. Everything in position to accomplish big mission	
1137		9	1137	Lost one small boy - C.O	Msg to CCA.
1400		10	1320	Successful defense of Hatten would likely to result in strong C/A using armor & Inf. This C/A would probably be retaking of Rittershoffen and perhaps points further to west on W/R. 68 will prepare tent plans to meet such threat on a Bn front.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
				extending north from middle of Pittenhoffen [illegible] Rd R-H: Sell to be boundary btw 68 & 48 – CCA.	
1600		11	1600	Msg from CCA - Push attack fast. 68 is bombing no. edge of town and have ~~[illegible]~~ captured 2 German tanks at 158346	To C.O.
		12	1850	Request for status of tanks	To C.O.B.
			2116	Counterattack down center road.	
	2121		2100	TF Wall has available one 155 MM How. Can you use it tomorrow in reducing enemy strong point. Consult Red-Maybe the church and our cross roads.	
2129	~~2129~~	13	2120	Counter attack coming down the center.	To CCA
2125	~~2125~~	14	2125	Have 1 be put arty on C.P. 100	
2132		15	2132	Have you notified higher Hq to get the other stuff in the show	
2130		16	2131	Tell them to throw in something at once. C/A down center.	
2238		17	2238	Things are considerably quite now.	
2254		18	2252	Report every 10 min that lines are holding or if break thru occurs what has gotten thru.	

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

13 January 1945

OPERATIONS FOR DAY OF 13 JANUARY 1945

Co-ordinated attack of 48th Tank Bn, 68th Armd Inf Bn, and 3rd Bn of 315 Inf Regt started at 0800. C-48 with B-68 and 1A-68 moved forward fighting from house to house. Attack progressed slow but steady until 1000 when one tank was knocked out as it approached the church.

The movement was slowed down until approximately 1500 when house to house fighting continued again.

B-48 took firing positions along south side of Rittershoffen-Hatten Road in position able to cut road with fire.

D-48 took up flank firing position in the vicinity of south-west corner of town.

Defense positions for the night were established by all companies by 1930. Patrols were established contacting CCR on right and 68th on left.

A counter-attack by flame throwing German tanks and some infantry started at 2130.

Counter-attack was contained within hour by massed artillery directed jointly by the Battalion C.O. and Arty Liaison Officer.

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Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
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	M4(105)	3				
"A" Co	M4(75)	~~7~~ 11	~~2~~	~~6~~		
	M4(76)	~~3~~ 4	~~2~~	~~4~~		W/68
	M4(105)	1				
"B" Co	M4(75)	3				
	M4(76)	5		3		
	M4(105)	1				
"C" Co	M4(75)	4		7	1	TK DOZER INCL
	M4(76)	1		3		
	M4(105)			1		
"D" Co	M5(37)	9		5	1	
TOTAL	M4(75)	7		7	1	
	M4(76)	6		6		
	M4(105)	4		5		
	M5(37)	9		1	1	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0006		(1)	0005	All quiet on western front.	
0031		(2)	0031	Tell Sunray Minor he can start moving his stuff up here. contact 9's vehicle, he knows where.	
0105		(3)	0105	[illegible] artillery between towns.	
0115		(4)		cancel my transmission about arty.	
0133		(5)	0130	Request disposition of 4's doughs at morning.	
0220	0220	(6)		Submit negative reports only once each hour.	
0300		(7)		Flare just went up. No further info.	
0510		(8)		CCA refuses aid - says he has none I am sending you Ren pl 94 and Eng pl [illegible] who is with Baker will try to get some more rounded up.	
0542		(9)		This station has been ordered off the air.	
0753			0700	Small arms fire to our [illegible] flank -	68 to CCA
0807			0805	En. flares thrown tank sighted near church -	68 to CCA
0829			0826	2 En. AT Guns reported at 158342	68 to CCA
			1335	Bn C.O. arrives at [illegible]	
			1342	[illegible]	
		(10)	1417	Ask S.M. when we are going to get fire. C.O.	To Arty
		(11)	1425	Request arty 100 yds No. of O.P. 100 En. tks assembly looks like C/o [illegible] - C.O.	To Arty
		(12)	1430	Raise arty 100 to 150 yds [illegible]	To Arty
		(13)	1315	In reply about mortar ammo don't have def. info. deliver extra ammo that you think may have been ordered.	
			1345	En. [illegible] fire decreased by our arty. En. [illegible] moving [illegible] in town carrying Red Cross flag.	68 to CCA

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
		14	1435	Shift all fire so. of line 115 to 110. Do not fire north of that line at present.	To F.O.
		15	1450	Submit report on enemy action every 10 min.	
			1458	Sit report to C.C.A	
			1508	Reg. Report to CCA	
			1518	" " "	
			1528	" " "	
1710		16	1540	Msg fr C.C.A. - Organize your defenses for the rng rt. 3 Bn 318 Inf and 48 coordinate and agree on clean cut mission for each which will be submitted this Hq. Plans due here 1800	To C.O.
		17	1630	Fine work again repelling bout against rng rt flank. Expect another tonight or early tomorrow morning front or flank.	To C.O.
1545		18	1545	fr C.O. One Big Boy out of action and one hurt.	To C.C.A
1851		19	1851	A larger but lighter force has occupied area you saw occupied today. This makes our firing mission almost impossible. They move frequently into our line of fire - Pk Lder C/S Trat.	
2037			2000	Enemy Tks moving into town from north-east at 2005. Request Arty fire	Intercept 68 to CCA

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2045		(20)	2235.	Enemy attack on Hatten about 2200 w/Tks and Inf. Enemy Tk column also reported approaching Hatten from east and N.E. - from CCA -	To C.O.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

14 January 1945

OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD 14 JANUARY 1945

Operations today consisted primarily of a defensive nature with the purpose of holding the ground taken yesterday in Rittershoffen and retaking those small sectors of town lost during last nights counterattack.

B-48 again had the mission of cutting the Rittershoffen-Hatten Road with fire from positions southeast of Rittershoffen. They reached this position by 1030. At 1110 B Co fired on enemy infantry effectively at southeast edge of town.

D-48 again took firing positions along right flank of town with position of protective fire.

All elements of 1A-68 and B-68 were regrouped under the command of 1st Lt Keeno who resumed mission of clearing assigned sector of town.

At 1415 a counterattack consisting of tanks and infiltrating infantry approached our positions. Our supporting artillery and direct fire of B-48 from their assigned positions contained the counter-attack so that by 1500 the situation was under control. Assault Gun Platoon and Mortar Platoon, 48th Tk Bn supported artillery fire on counter-attack.

Plans for defense of position were put into effect by 1900.

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Our infantry refuses to hold their positions. Cannot be controlled by Co CO or by Lt Ryan. It is imperative that a minimum of one company be sent immediately to reinforce us. Call CO a and tell them that it must be done before daylight they have lost the two hours gained and only half of the men can be found - We think they took off to rear.

John C. Cain
Major

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NIEDERBETSDORF, FR

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4 (76)	2				
	M4 (105)	3				
"A" Co	M4 (75)					
	M4 (76)	W/68 A I B				
	M4 (105)					
"B" Co	M4 (75)	3				
	M4 (76)	4		2	1	
	M4 (105)	1				
"C" Co	M4 (75)	4		3		1 TK DOZER INCL.
	M4 (76)	1		[illegible]		
	M4 (105)			[illegible]		
"D" Co	M5 (37)	6		6	3	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	16				
	M4 (76)	11				
	M4 (105)	5				
	M5 (37)	6		6	3	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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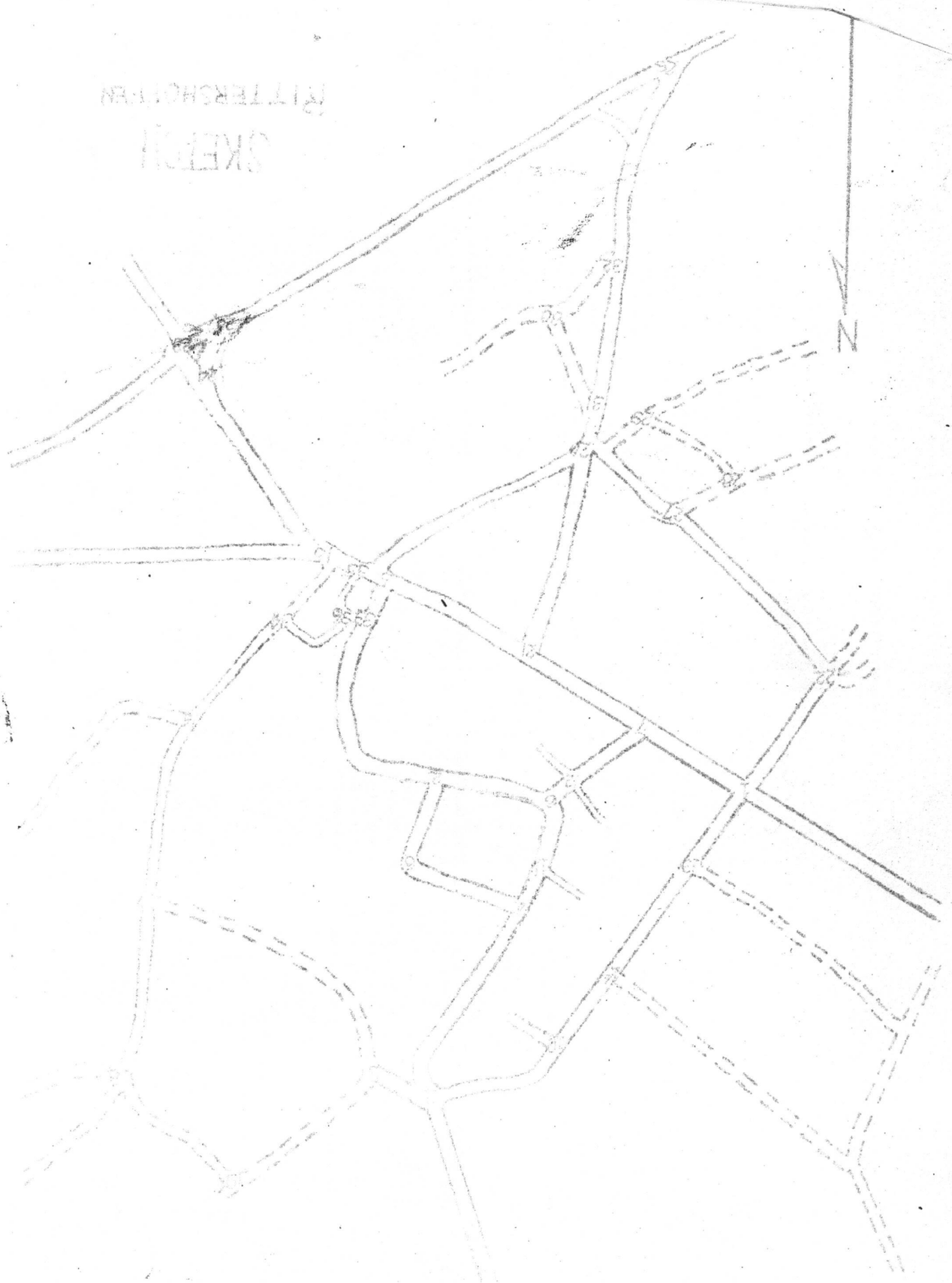

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By [illegible] NARA, Date

1400 20 Jan 45

TO CO 48, 68, 3/315, attachments

Outstanding work all of you.
My warmest congratulations.
Watch your security through
the night. Be ready with all
fires. Look out for changed
enemy AT gun positions in the
Morning.

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NARA, DMA

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48

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Hq CCA 14 AD
APO 446, U S Army
140920 Jan 45

O. I. No. 19. (Confirming Oral Instructions).

1. 48 will attach at once to third Bn 315 a platoon of 5 medium tanks.

2. 3d Bn 315 will include in its zone of action that part of RITTERSHOFFEN previously assigned to 48 and will operate to capture all parts of its zone of action rapidly.

48 will maintain its present position in RITTERSHOFFEN, defending it without loss of ground. Will protect the right flank of 3d Bn 315. Will maintain contact with CCR and will out by tank gun fire the road between RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. It will assist 3d Bn 315 with tank gun fire upon request.

68 will continue attack in its zone of action and will be prepared, upon further orders from this Hq to capture that part of RITTERSHOFFEN north of the church which is now in the zone of action of 3d Bn 315.

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 150001 JAN. 45

TO 152400 JAN. 45

PLACE NIEDERSBETSDORF, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0608		(1)	0600	Msg from CCA. Enemy attack on Hatten reported about 0515 with Inf, tanks and flame throwers	To C.O.
		(2)	0700	Msg from C.C.A. attack by fire will commence at 0815 this morning.	To C.O.
0800				Phone msg from C.C.B. - send probing patrols to check on enemy in town.	To C.O and CCA.
0830		(3)	0835	Msg from Hqrs. We report we are ready.	To C.O.
0850		(4)	0850	Msg from C.C.B. - Ry bridge	To C.O
0945		(5)	0935	Our Arty has engaged several groups of men and vehicles moving toward Hatten and Rittershoffen in the area just north of Hatten. The vicinity may indicate another enemy attack soon.	To C.O
1007		(6)	1000	Our Arty at 0945 engaged unidentified enemy vehicles at 175339, 176339 and 177339. Results not known.	To C.O.
1145		(7)	1030	Msg from C.C.B. There are indications of reinforcement of Rittershoffen Enemy guns from the N.E. Has C.G directs immediate counter attack against any such force. First bring every available fire against it then when enemy practical fall back will small c/a charged fully by Arty, mortars and M4 fire	To C.O. Phone & msgs.

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FROM _____

TO _____

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1310		Phone	1310	Req fr. C.O.P - stop moving vehicles to rear immediately	To C.O.
			1610	3 Trks & 3 crews to B. Co.	
			1615	3 Crews to Co C.	

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For instructions see FM 101-5 pages 116 & 117

S - 3 REPORT

From: 150001 JAN. 45
To: 152400 JAN. 45

HQ. 48TK BN.
NIEDERBETTDORF FR.

No. _____

Maps: SELTZ, SHEET 1½, SCALE 1:2500

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - 100 YDS.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
SEE SEPARATE REPORT

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
SATISFACTORY.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

- over -

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NND 13604

8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq	M4(76)	2			
	M4(105)	3			
"A" Co	M4(75)	9		2	
	M4(76)	4		2	
	M4(105)	1			
"B" Co	M4(75)	3			
	M4(76)	5		1	
	M4(105)	1			
"C" Co	M4(75)	4		3	
	M4(76)			1	
	M4(105)				
"D" Co	M5(37)	10		7	
TOTAL	M4(75)	16		5	
	M4(76)	11		4	
	M4(105)	5			
	M5(37)	10		2	

1 TK DOZER INCL.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 160001 JAN. 45

TO 162400 JAN. 45

PLACE NIEDERSBETSDORF. FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0001	Plan of todays operations and location of mine fields sent to the following. Oper – A, B, C, D, 94, 125 A/6, MORT, Ftl, CCA. Mine fld. A-48, A6, Mort, Recn 48 Recn 94.	
		(1)	0250	Msg from Serv Co C.O. – no 81 MM. Lt. or Hvy – sending 400 WP as possible substitute	
			1025	Msg to CO Co A – Have C.O. Co A & 1 Plat ldr report to C.P.	
			1120	Meeting of off. for operation at C.P. – Then to C.C.A to coordinate w/62	
		(2)	0900	Msg fr C.C.A. – Reduce your Amm levels until such time as you consume the Amm over and above your basic load, now stacked on ground in the tr area.	To C.O. & S4
1458		(3)	1457	Tell Survey mission assigned by higher Hqrs off. Will perform part of mission – C.O. Co A.	To C.O.
			1835	Bn C.O. to C.C.A	
			2000	Meeting of all Co C.O.s and detachment C.O's at Bn C.P.	

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S - 3 REPORT

From: 160001 JAN
To: 162400 JAN

HQ. 48 TK BN.
NIEDERBETSDORF, FR

No.

Maps: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS SCALE 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
BN MAINTAINED DEFENSIVE POSITION OF PREVIOUS DAY.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
SATISFACTORY.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
ACCOMPLISHED.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4 (76)	2				
	M4 (105)	3				
"A" Co	M4 (75)	5	2	4		
	M4 (76)	4		2		
	M4 (105)			1		
"B" Co	M4 (75)	2		1		
	M4 (76)	4		1		
	M4 (105)	1				
"C" Co	M4 (75)	2		4	1	1 TK DOZER INCL
	M4 (76)			1		
	M4 (105)					
"D" Co	M5 (37	9		2		
TOTAL	M4 (75)	9	2	9	1	
	M4 (76)	10		4		
	M4 (105)	4				
	M4 (37)	9		1		

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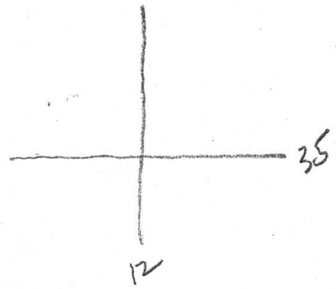

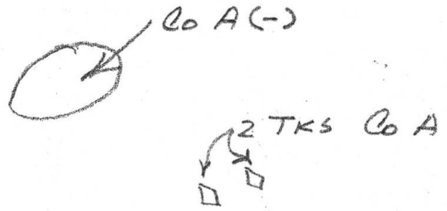

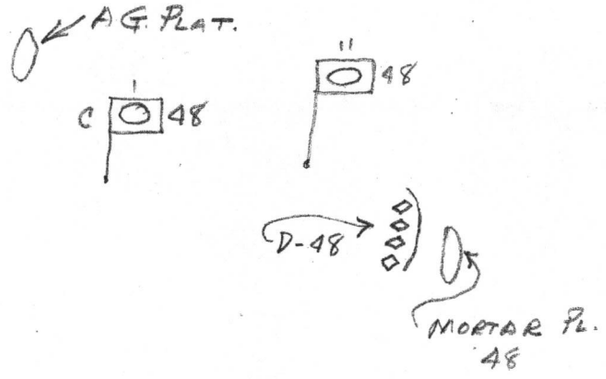

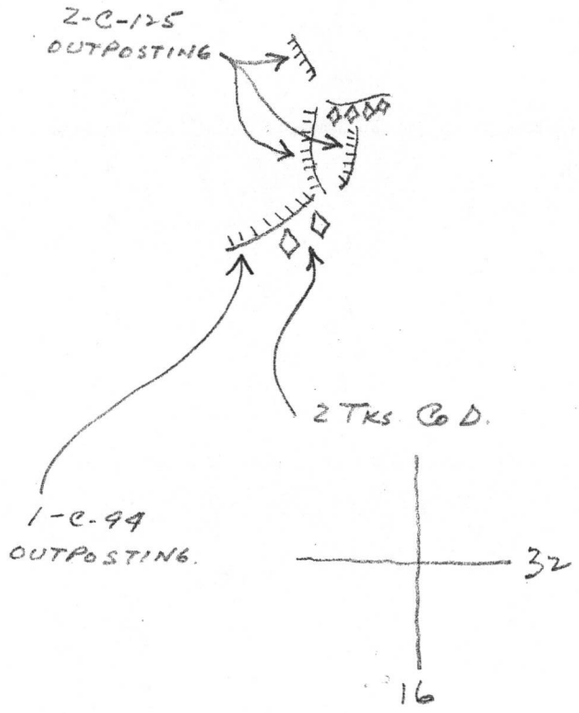

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TO ACCOMPANY S-3 REPORT
HQ. 48 TK BN - 16 JAN. 44.
MAP: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS
SCALE 1:25,000.

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ARTY CHECK POINTS to get out

units tonight

Series MIKE

1 - 15833432
2 - 16073432
3 - 16003420
4 - 15903420
5 - 16283423
6 - 16103424
7 - 16423452
8 - 16523470
9 - 16703460
10 - 16743478
11 - 19173426
12 - 18503540
13 - 17243440
14 - 18683467
15 - 17883420
16 - 15393442
17 - 16733520
18 - blank
19 - 16503363
20 - 16123343
21 - 16083350
22 - 16063370
23 - 16143345
24 - 16143375
25 - 16353373
26 - 16393385
27 - 16203356
28 - 16243370
29 - 16253350
30 - 16253374
31 - 16063356
32 - 16063367
33 - 15903420
34 - 19163426

Series NAN

1 - 16003466
2 - 1600 3454
3 - 16133446
4 - 16223462
5 - 16263478
6 - 16353490
7 - 16453498
8 - 16523510
9 - 16303444
10 - 16433457
11 - 16593433
12 - 16603498
13 - 16393432
14 - 16523442
15 - 16933486
16 - 17033486
17 - 17033474
18 - 17023455
19 - 17153460
20 - 17303460
21 - 16903436
22 - 17053440
23 - 16403415
24 - 16903415
25 - 17253418
26 - 17703435
27 - 16583380
28 - 16823390
29 - 17013382
30 - 17053403
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33 - 17263394

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HQ 48 TANK BN
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U. S. ARMY

16 JAN-45

DAILY S-2 REPORT
TO: S-2 C. C. A.

NO. PRISONERS TAKEN -	0
ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED -	6
ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY WOUNDED -	—
NO. ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED.	2

REPORT AS OF 1930

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(6) 48 Tk Bn

315th Infantry
16 Jan. 1945

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. a. In view of current reverses in other sectors, En. will defend tenaciously his present positions and C/A with strong forces of Inf. and armor. En. holds parts of RITTERSHOFFEN with est. force of 500 men, elmts of 21st Pz., 25th Pz.Gr. and possibly of 7th Para. Divs., supported by an est. six (6) tanksor assault guns. En. secures high ground along his supply rte with an est. 300 men. En. occupies part of HATTEN with an est. 1000 Inf. and 8-10 tanks. A local C/A in RITTERSHOFFEN of one (1) Co. possibly accompanied by a flame throwing tank can be expected. A C/A of two (2) Bns. supportedby 10-15 tanks is a possibility. For Arty support, En. has available six (6) to nine (9) Bns. of105 and four (4) - six (6) Bns of 150mm plus unknown number of 120mm mortars.

b. 315th Inf. (less 2nd Bn) 68th A.I.B. attchd, cont. atk. to clear town of RITTERSHOFFEN. 17 Jan. and organize def. line in prep. for continuation of atk to E on HATTEN. 2nd Bn, 315th and 62nd A.I.B. with one Co. med tks cont. atk HATTEN 170730. Co. "B", 2nd Chem Bn (4.2") attchd. 310th F.A. (reinf) dir suppt.

2. One (1) Co. - 1stBn. 315th Inf. cross L/D at 170630 Jan.; gain foothold in NW edge town (area "A" - sketch) prior to 0700; cont. atk to SE to clear town(Order "B", "C"). One (1) Co. 1stBn. supptd by one (1) Co. Med. Tks, cross L/D 170715; occupy, org., and def. hill V21.1 (overlay & sketch) Orgn. pos. indicated for defense of town, prep. to cont. atk to E. on order.

3. 68th A.I.B. (attchd to 1stBn. 315th) resume atk 0700 to NE. Joine forces w/1st Bn, 315th and cont atk to SE to clear town ("B", "C") Attchd one (1) Plat Med. tks. Occupy ~~position~~ defensive positionindicated, as ordered by CO, 1st Bn.

4. 3rdBn, 315th (attchd one (1) Plat Medtks), atk by fire 170700, Jan. strong point vic. Church (area "C") Upon lifting of mortar barrage, atk. by fire and movement and overrun strong point; cont. atk to occupy area"D". Orgnize and occupy position indicated for def. of town, prep. to cont. atk to E. on order.

5. Cn. Co. - Normal support.

6. AT Co. prep. to occupy,defensive position shown. Coord. A.T. def. of sector.

7. Co. "B", 2nd Chem Bn fire on areas "C" and "D" commencing 0700. Fires to lift at 0900 or on call of Bn. Observers w/eac atk Bn.

8. Arty Suppt. All fires within no fire area (overlay) cleared through 310th F.A. and this Hqs. Normal night harassing fires. Smoke to conceal operations when necessary.

9. Demonstration atks by CCB on L (N) flank 315th.

10. All MG's. .50 and 30 Cal. will be employed to max. advantage in atk. Use of flame throwers, demolition charges and grenades to facilitate rapid advance in house to house fighting. Refill sta. for flame throwers OBERBETSCHDORF.

11. Speed is the essence in this operation. All efforts must be expended by all units to assure rapid and successful completion of mission to allow sufficient time for preparation of defensive positions and plans for continuation of atk. Units will be prepared to repel C/A immediately upon reaching Obj.

12. 500 A.T. mines avail. KUHLENDORF at Co. "B", 125th Engrs. (CAPT. O'NEILL, Cmdg.) Personnel avail. for laying mine fields.

13. One (1) flame throwing tank avail at KUHLENDORF on order this Hqs.

14. Comm. - 1st Bn to 68 A.I.B. - 300 SCR. Wire & SCR-300 & 284 to 1st & 3rd Bns, SCR-300 to 2nd Bn; Wire, SCR-284 and Ln from CCA.

15. NO FRIENDLY PERSONNEL WILL WEAR ANY WHITE EQUIPMENT.

16. C.P. - NO change. 17. PW Col. Point at 123312.

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 T.K BN.

FROM 170001 JAN. 45

TO 172400 JAN. 45

PLACE NIEDERSBETTSDORF, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0847		①	0847	Held up on LD waiting for dmgd. - C.O. to A	To C.CA
0917		②	0855	En. attacked Hatten at 0730 with Inf. - Bazookas and tanks Strength unknown. - C.CA.	To C.O.
0927		③	0915	Friendly Vhs to our rear received fire from inhabited 169348 - C.O.B	To C.O.
0954		④	0954	Dmgd situation in statics 3	To CCA.
		⑤	1000	Dmgd to have a few Tanks at point 3. Hqs reached point between 17 and 16-3	To C.CA.
			1010	C.48 awaiting situation to clear pt. 3. B-48 no dmg C-46 dmgd	To CCA.
			1045	Capt Berman S/a & M/G [illegible] Hatten from wood vicinity 167376. Enc. str pt Richard inc 169349. Conc. [illegible] 344 - 175347 - 170378 [illegible] M. movements on Bahl and Stundwiller roads into Hatten. En dug in along Hatten - Stund. Hatten Bahl roads from Hatten to Lutzelhausen R.	To CCA.
			1145	Msg from C.O. 315 to 1-BN.	C.P. To Encl. 68
1057		⑥	1055	One Vh just fired on Bldg near church - 3	To C.CA.
1216		⑦	1216	En Vh painted white in vicinity of Rptd strong point at 169344	To C.CA
1247		⑧	1247	Situation unchanged.	To C.CA
			1345	C.O. C.C.A at Bn C.P.	
1350		⑨	1327	Msg fr. C.C.A - one section fr. C.94 will be sent at once to CP CCA to receive instructions for mission of Recn in the N. edge of woods from 16 to 17 N-S grid lines to locate	

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FROM _____

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PLACE _____

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
				enemy positions there and to shelter for AT positions	
				of Hatten. Reports	
			1410	firing to CCA (Tank Engr) check	To CCA.
				mines removed by tanks	
				vicinity 158346	
1509		(10)		Casualties in tank was hit by	
				5 AP. We are firing final on by	
				anything in the woods.	
1511		(11)		Have identified German smoke	
				800 yds to our front in that direction	
				direction was 5 of observers.	
1538		(12)		Situation now two good. Can't get	
				strong hold. Fire very intense.	
				Can't contact Co. went in with	
				this morning. Not in same shape	
				as this morning Location. Approx	
				same part of 1 pl in vic 3-4.	
				Not known when they are now.	
1610		(13)		Sent the opp pos. check pt 10.	
				Have contact with leading vehicle	
				They have some by around and in	
				front of them but most to the left	
				a few not many get into Bldgs.	
				Clear them out of fire C.O Inf	
				Pos can't hit Br C.O.	
1620		(14)		Firing sporadic but close. Can't	
				identify or determine source. Have	
				no friendly troops to front and	
				don't believe there are any to flank	
1644		(15)		Smoke observed vic 168347	
1830		(16)		Do you want us to continue firing	
				this harassing fire and at what	
				interval do you want us to fire.	

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S - 3 REPORT

From: 170001 JAN.
To: 172400 JAN.

HQ 48 TK BN.
NIEDERSBETSDORF, FR.

No. _____

Maps: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS, SCALE 1:25000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
FAIR - 300 YDS.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED LATER.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
SATISFACTORY.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4 (76)	~~2~~ 1		1		
	M4 (105)	3				
"A" Co	M4 (75)	~~6~~ 5	2	~~3~~ 2	1	
	M4 (76)	~~6~~ 5	1	~~2~~ 0		
	M4 (105)	1		~~1~~		
"B" Co	M4 (75)	2		3		
	M4 (76)	5		1	2	
	M4 (105)	1				
"C" Co	M4 (75)	2		4	~~1~~	1 TIC DOZER INCL.
	M4 (76)	5		1		
	M4 (105)					
"D" Co	M5 (37)	9		2		
TOTAL	M4 (75)	~~10~~ 9	2	11	1	
	M4 (76)	~~16~~ 13	1	4	2	
	M4 (105)	~~5~~ 4		~~2~~ 1		
	M5 (37)	9		2		

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

8 MED TKS RECD - 76 MM, 3 ASSIGNED TO CO B, 5 ASSIGNED TO CO C.

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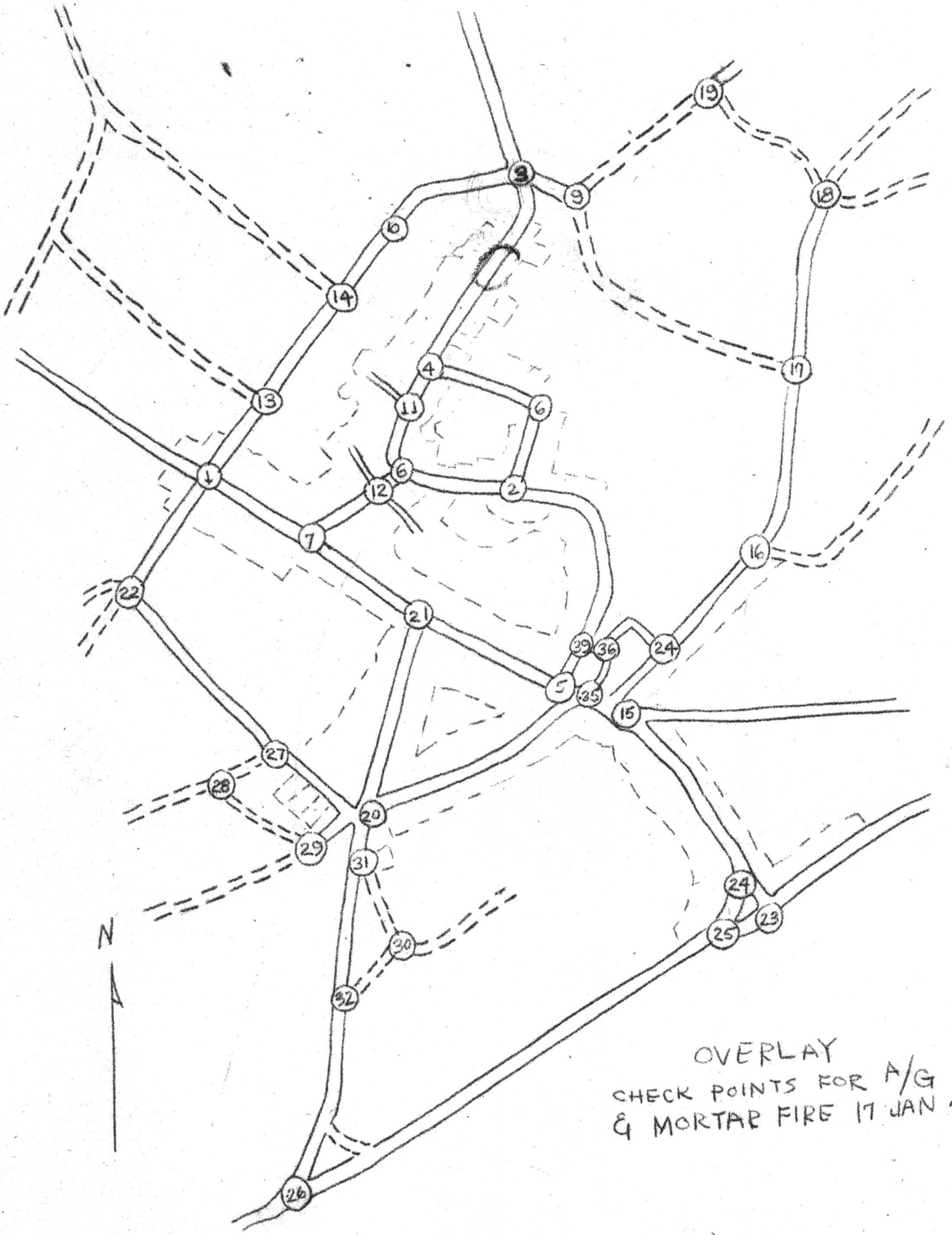
SKETCH
RITTERSHOFFEN



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CHECK POINTS FOR A/G
& MORTAR FIRE 17 JAN 45

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Date. 16 Jan 45

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161900 Jan 45

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS No. 24.

1. a. Enemy - see current intelligence.
b. Operations against HATTEN will be continued in order to pin enemy troops in that vicinity. CCB will support CCA atk with 50 Cal fire and demonstration with a platoon each of medium and light tanks, latter advancing to vicinity 166353.

2. At 0630 1 Bn 315 will launch an attack to the east to capture northeastern end of RITTERSHOFFEN and the woods to the immediate northeast. CCA Engr to open necessary gap in minefield for attack of 1-315.

3. At 0715 68 under CO 1-315 to stage fastest possible house to house attack to recapture remainder of RITTERSHOFFEN in its zone.

4. At 0715 3-315 attacks in its zone in conjunction with Co ____ 315 on on its south (right) flank. Co to be under control 3-315. Objective of attack on right is buildings area in RITTERSHOFFEN and woods immediately east thereof. Necessary clearing of minefield at southwest end of RITTERSHOFFEN under direction CO 315, CCA to furnish 3 engineer technicians for assistance.

5. At about 0730 launch attack from west with one company of tanks and one company of reinforced infantry to capture high ground at 165345, ground to be held by infantry and anti-tank guns after consolidation. Pillboxes to be held in connection with defense to south. Foxholes to be dug under cover of tanks. Engr CCA to open gap in minefield for passage of tank Co. Tank unit furnished by and under control of CO 48.

6. Artillery: In front of attack on northwestern end of RITTERSHOFFEN arrange short concentration of HE or time on woods to the west and on buildings at 2300, 0120, 0340, 0500. Shift these fires slightly with each concentration to cover woods to north and northwest of buildings. No other fires except in case of counter-attack in this vicinity without approval CO 315. Patrolling by 68 to be coordinated with above fire schedule.

Artillery on south of RITTERSHOFFEN: five to eight concentrations all to be under control CO 315 to be placed on buildings area and woods running 50 yards southwest thereof in southeast part of town and woods immediately east and northeast thereof, except in case of counterattack. None of these fires after 0615. At 0615 a no fire line is established from 160346 to 165346 to 165333 to 160333. Artillery fires delivered in this area during attack on RITTERSHOFFEN will be on call CO 315 to 79th Division Artillery.

Close in defense fires protecting against enemy counterattack for the force seizing high ground 165345 by CO 315 and 79 Div Arty.

Harassing fire with time shell will be placed east of no fire line east of RITTERSHOFFEN on all suspected mortar localties from 0700 until RITTERSHOFFEN capture has been completed. Observation planes to assist.

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CO 14th AD Arty establish no fire line for protection of friendly troops in HATTEN.

Counterbattery of enemy artillery positions will be conducted with sufficient guns to neutralize enemy artillery from 0700 until infantry northeast of town has dug-in. Estimated to be 1030; artillery ammunition availability considered. CO 14 AD Arty to coordinate.

7. Coordination and command of all infantry fires and means under direction CO 315.

8. 48 attach 3 tanks to 3-315 and 3 tanks to 68. Provide a platoon, minimum of 3 Med, preferably 5, for overwatching from south in direct support of 313. Communication with CO 3-315. Entrance thru minefield arranged between CO 48 and CCA Engr.

9. CCA Reserve; assault guns and mortars of 48, C-125, C-94 (less detachments). The assault guns of 48 to be laid at beginning of operation on southeast edge of RITTERSHOFFEN, fires to be subject to call CO 3-315.

10. CO 315 establish contact with CCR 14 AD on right flank and also with CCB 14 AD on left flank.

11. Maximum use will be made of pole charges and flame throwers.

12. There will be continual warming up of tank motors throughout the night. 48 coordinate warming-up of tank motors for north flank attack with delivery of artillery fires to conceal the motors.

13. Communications system to be fully organized to include wire, radio, and pyrotechnics.

14. CP CCA: N EDERBETSCHDORF.

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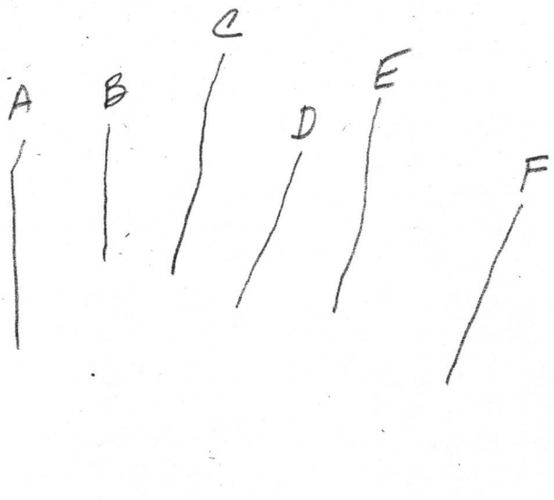

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NOTE: LINES INDICATE PHASE LINES TK PATROL 25 TKBN

(4) AREAS TO BE SMOKED ON ORDER TK PLT LDR ONLY.

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MAP: 1:25,000.
PHASE LINES FOR
TK PATROL 25 TKBN.
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17-JAN-45

DAILY S-2 REPORT
TO: S-2 C.C.A.

NO. OF PRISONERS TAKEN - 0
ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED - 100
ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY WOUNDED - ~~0~~
NO ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED - ~~0~~

REPORT AS OF 1730.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

OPERATIONS OF THE 48TH TANK BN FOR 17 JAN 45

A-48 moved at 0700 to assembly area NW Rittershoffen, prepared to swing N of Rittershoffen with A-315 to capture high ground immediately NE of Rittershoffen. Mission of A-315 was changed in early afternoon to assist B-315 in direct assault on NW end of Rittershoffen. A-48 supported this attack; the attack received heavy artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, and AT fire. Attack was unsuccessful resulting on one tank disabled in A-48. A-48 was withdrawn at darkness to assembly area east of Kuhlendorf.

B-48 continued to support directly holding operations of 68 and 3-315 in town of Rittershoffen. C-48 moved to position SE of Rittershoffen to cut Rittershoffen - Hatten Road by tank fire, encountered desultory enemy fire, was withdrawn to assembly area E of Niederbetchdorf at darkness.

D-48 covered right flank and rear of Bn until withdrawn at darkness to assembly area E of Niederbetchdorf.

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 180001 JAN 45

TO 182400 JAN. 45

PLACE NIEDERSBETSDORF, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			1300	overlay of defensive plan for 18 Jan submitted to following: A, B, C, D, a/b, Recon Tr. CCA, Ran 48, Med.	
1010		(1)	0945	Msg from CCA - CCB patrol of Plat med Tks and Plat of the operating on axis [illegible] 157357-167350 until plat med Tks encountering nil observation.	Ltr Msg
		(2)	1220	Msg fr C.C.B. arty targets engaged for friendly arty	Ltr Msg.
			1340	Phone call from C.C.A	
			1345	Rpt C.O. to L.C.A.	
			1352	Msg to A.C. Co's to be prepared to move.	
			1700	Co's remained on alert till 1700 at which time were taken off.	
				Re Co Co meeting, at 2100 Maint Sgt went to Div. of Buhlendorf recovered B Co vehicles took same to Bn Maint.	
1915		(3)		3 missions executed by tanks with one today blowing up Bldgs etc. good results. one tank received one round of long range bazooka fire which hit rear right track. no casualties and damage was minor. Friendly troops were with tanks while mission was being fired at over 100 yds range. observer reports 1 enemy tank knocked out in his sector also several dugouts. Ground progress in both places has been little if any.	

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TO ACCOMPANY S-3 REPORT
HQ. 48 TK BN - 18 JAN. 45
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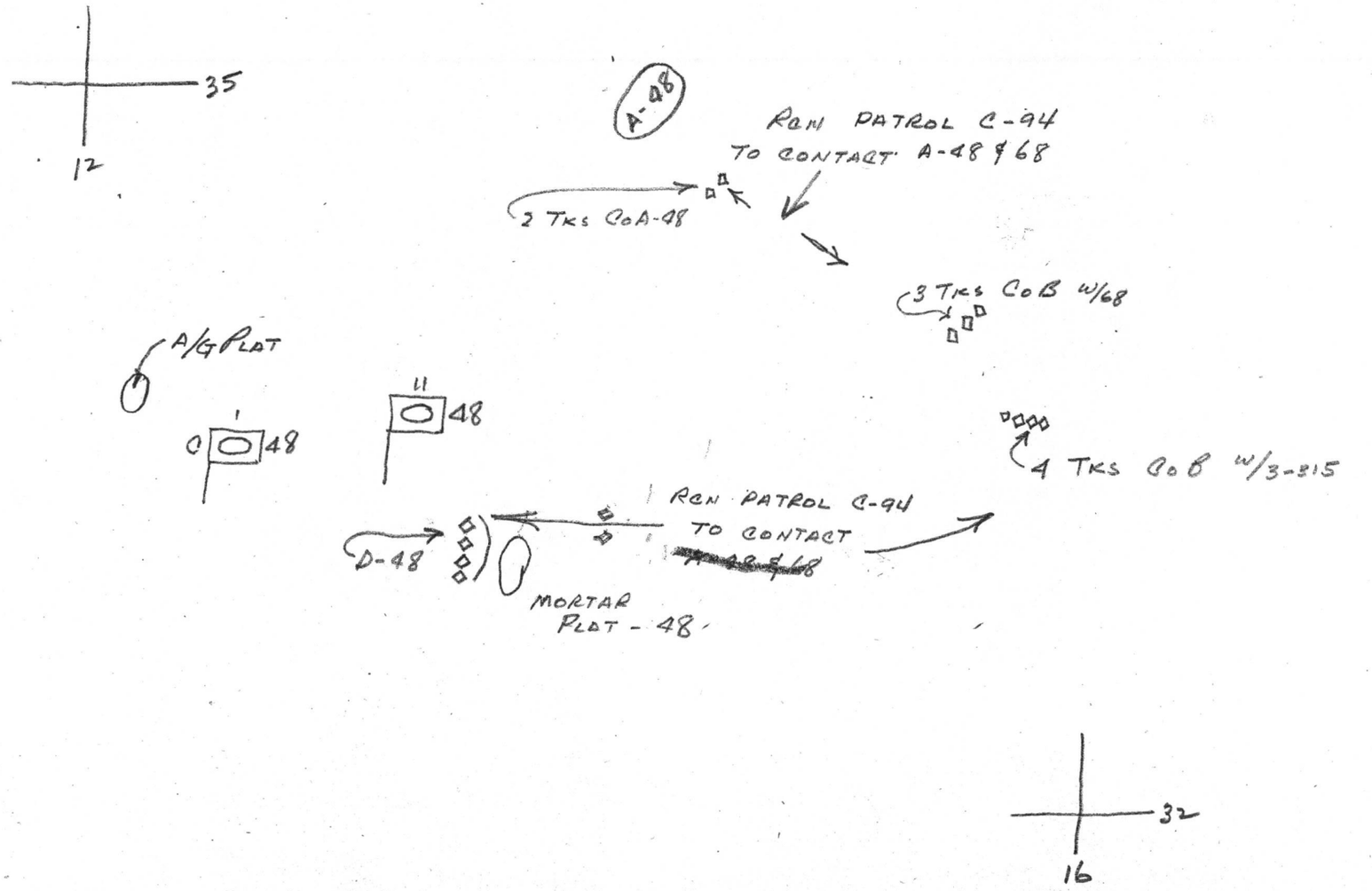

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To: 182400 JAN. 45.

HQ. 48 TK BN.
NIEDERSRETSDORF, FR.

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Maps: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS SCALE 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
B CO. OUTPOSTED SAME POSITIONS AS PREVIOUS DAY. REMAINDER OF BN ON ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
SATISFACTORY.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
Satisfactory

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4(76)	1		1		
	M4(105)	3				
"A" Co	M4(75)	4	~~4~~	2		18
	M4(76)	6				
	M4(105)	0	1			
"B" Co	M4(75)	~~3~~ ~~2~~				
	M4(76)	~~7~~ ~~10~~	1			
	M4(105)	1				
"C" Co	M4(75)	2		4		1 TK DOZER INCL
	M4(76)	6				
	M4(105)					
"D" Co	M5(37)	7	~~3~~	1		
TOTAL	M4(75)	9	~~4~~	6		
	M4(76)	20	1	1		
	M4(105)	4	1			
	M5(37)	7	3	1		

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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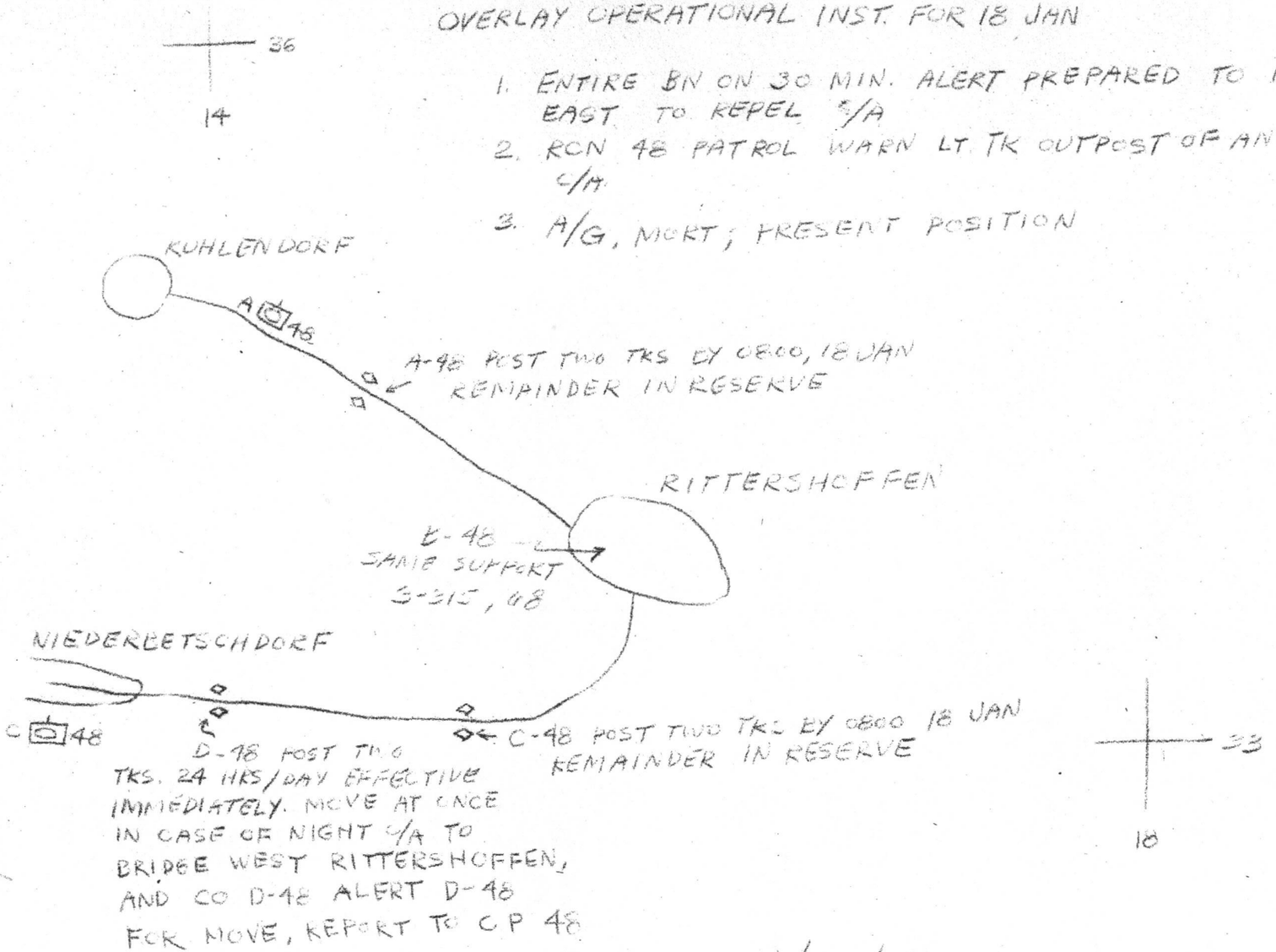
OVERLAY OPERATIONAL INST. FOR 18 JAN

1. ENTIRE BN ON 30 MIN. ALERT PREPARED TO MOVE EAST TO REPEL C/A
2. RCN 48 PATROL WARN LT TK OUTPOST OF ANY NIGHT C/A
3. A/G, MORT; PRESENT POSITION



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HQ 48 TANK BN.
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U.S. ARMY

18 JAN 45

DAILY S-2 REPORT.

To: S-2 C.O.Q.

NO PRISONERS TAKEN	0
ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED	0
ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY WOUNDED	0
NO. ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED	0

REPORT AS OF 1800.

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ 98 TANK BN

FROM 190001 JAN 45

TO 192400 JAN 45

PLACE NEIDERBETSCHDORF FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0730	C/A reported in Hatten by enemy. No CCR troops committed as yet. Heavy artillery barrage ordered to repel same. Our units placed on the alert in event of breakthru. One crater hole filled in by dozer on road to Kuhlendorf this a.m.	
0822		(1)		PW states 88 Regt of 16th 346, adds that A/B in town mount 75 mm guns with 12 tanks.	
			0900	Air Corps officer reported to this Hq and was taken to Rittershoffen by car S-2.	
0848		(2)		C.O. 345 just started operation in Rittershoffen gaining ground very slowly as our support fire prevented the use of the large stage guns that the enemy use the remaining rifle Co. of Bismark Rd which is not now committed to exploit without delay any advantage gained. 98 will be prepared for prompt movement to the flanks & for further reinforcement of troops in Rittershoffen to exploit advantage gained by the Inf. Flying conditions permitting full artillery in operations, CO 345 should exploit to the full the use of 4.2 mortars and TA in the Eastern area of Rittershoffen to the approaches thereto from the east & NE.	

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FROM _____

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PLACE _____

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			1400	Concentration of 9/3 arty ck point 23 in Rittershoffen	
			1315	Relief reduces from C.O.B. to make attack by fire from 1430-1500.	
			1345	Orders to 1-A-48 & FO 500	
1700		(3)	1622	Msg from C.C.A - 3d Armd Div reports that the enemy has captured a number of Amer. vks. & they may be used with either Ger. or Amer markings.	To all Co's
			1645	A-48 as Div Res. ordered to remain in present area.	Msg to Co
			1645	A. 48 alerted & the to replace A. 48 on outpost	" "
			2030	A. 48 move 1 Pelt to A-48 area by 0800 30 Jan.	

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

19 January 1945

OPERATIONS OF 1A-48, 19 JAN 1945

1. Orders received at 1315 from CC A to make attack by fire on north flank of Rittershoffen from 1430 - 1500 with 1 plat A-48.

2. Orders issued to 1-A-48 and FO 500 FA south of Kuhlendorf at 1345.

3. Plat moved into position and began to fire at 1445 and continued to assault with fire until 1515.

4. Fire was placed on bldgs on northwest edge of Rittershoffen with HE and APC. HE was fired on superquick into trees around northwest edge of town. Cal 30 was fired on approaches to town and into buildings.

5. Ammo expenditures: 119 rds 76 HE
48 rds 76 APC
7500 rds 30 Cal

6. Observed effects:
Positive effects hard to determine - Several buildings destroyed - some fires started.

7. Some high velocity AT fire was received by platoon during above action.

8. The delay was due to intense arty falling in platoon assembly area. The change in time was coordinated with 315 Inf.

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Major, 48th Tank Battalion
Commanding

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HQ 48 TANK BN
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19 JAN 45

DAILY S-2 REPORT.

To: C.C.A.

NO. PRISONERS TAKEN -	0
ESTIMATED NO. ENEMY KILLED -	6
ESTIMATED NO ENEMY WOUNDED -	0
NO ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED -	0

REPORT AS OF 1730.

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From: 190001 JAN.
To: 192400 JAN.

HQ 48 TR BN
NIEDERBETSDORF FR.

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Maps: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS, SCALE 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLOUDY - 500 YDS

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
BN REMAINED on alert and in defensive position during the period.
A/B Reg't fired from 1400-1430 under direction of 3-315 at 162336 in Rittershoffen.
14-48 fired two fires southwest of Rittershoffen in conjunction with Heavy Arty from 1445-1510
~~Location reported to Headquarters~~ JNS

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
Satisfactory

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
Missions accomplished.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours	
Hq	M4(76)	1		1	
	M4(105)	3			
"A" Co	M4(75)	4	4	2	
	M4(76)	6			
	M4(105)		1		
"B" Co	M4(75)	5		1	
	M4(76)	11			
	M4(105)	1			
"C" Co	M4(75)	5		2	
	M4(76)	7			
	M4(105)		1		
"D" Co	M5(37)	9		2	
TOTAL	M4(75)	14	4	5	
	M4(76)	25		1	
	M4(105)	4	2		
	M5(37)	9		2	

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From: 172400A
To : 182400A
Date: 190900A

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 19.

Maps: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000 Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and all but the SW corner of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - See ANNEX "C" G-2 Periodic Report #18 (overlay Defensive Organization).

c. Units in contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Ey relatively quiet during the early morning at beginning of period. At dawn ey armored activity was reported in the vic of 179347 and ey tks were reported assembling in the vic 167347. Throughout the daylight hours of the period this armored activity increased with ey tks being reported at various points in G.S. 1634 and G.S. 1734. Ey AT guns were located at 16703476, 13763464, 13303412, 17883426, 158342, 159343, 161347. Ey resistance in RITTERSHOFFEN continued to be very stiff although direct fire had decreased somewhat during the afternoon. The ey no longer occupies the church in that town, but has a formidable position in a large brick building in the rear of the church which he defends with S/A and A/W fire. In HATTEN the ey continued to resist stubbornly. Throughout the day continuous arty and mortar fire fell in the town approx one round every two minutes. Harassing med cal arty fell between 0800A and 1000A. Ey in town remained generally quiet during the morning and afternoon. In the late afternoon and evening ey activity increased considerably with pressure reported from the E. A few snipers attempted to infiltrate our positions.

b. Operations of Component Elements.

(1) Armor - Ey armor was again active during the period. 8 ey tks were KO'd by our armor and supporting artillery. A report by one of our ground observers indicates that the white camouflage used on some ey tanks is quite effective. A Mk VI or V tank about 125 yds directly in front of our OP was picked up only by investigation of a dark circle which proved to be the muzzle of the tank gun. This tank was covered with white cloth, and was located on the forward slope of a snow covered hill.

(2) Artillery - Ey arty was less active in our rear areas for the period but increased somewhat on our front line troops in HATTEN. 88mm arty fell vic 180320 coming from direction of NIEDERROEDERN. Harassing arty fire fell in NIEDERBETSCHDORF during the day. Ey arty btry located at 135457 was taken under fire by our arty. One round of HE fell every 15 minutes at 15533396. In HATTEN continuous arty and mortar fire fell throughout the day, approx one round every two minutes.

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Single med cal arty fell from 0800A to 1000A. During the afternoon 50 to 100 rounds high velocity arty fire fell in the town. In RITTERSHOFFEN ey arty continued to fall throughout the period. OBERBETSCHDORF received approx 75 rounds 105 to 170mm arty fire between 1030A and 1200A. 6 rounds of rocket fire fell at 17253570 as of 1715A coming from an azimuth of 2400 M. Our AOr picked up rocket flashes coming from 21613480. OBERROEDERN and LEITERSWILLER received heavy shelling during the day.

(3) Infantry - MG nest vic of the church in RITTERSHOFFEN was destroyed and 7 ey killed. Ey strong point located at brick building in the rear of the church. Mortar fire in the town was slightly less intense for the period. Ey inf was observed at 165346 during the morning and was engaged by our arty. Ey 20mm flak gun was destroyed at 159343. In HATTEN ey was relatively quiet during the early part of the period, but activity increased somewhat in the evening. Approx four 120mm ey mortar were located in the E part of the town. Ey MG and personnel reported at 19003252 were fired on by our arty.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. OB - 10SS Pz Div - This Division, also known as Div 'FRUNDSBERG' (named for a famous German military leader in the XVI century) was formed in southwestern France in the winter of 1942-43. It was stationed in occupied France, but in the spring of 1944 it moved to southern Russia. It returned to the western front in July 1944 and fought in Normandy with heavy losses. After reorganization it was encountered in the Arnheim area in November, then remained in reserve for some time in Holland, but returned to Germany for refitting in the middle of December. It has now been out of contact since early in December. At one time it was thought to be part of the Sixth Panzer Army, but this was never definitely established. Its compositions is the following: 10SS Tk Regt, 21SS PGR, 22SS PGR, 10SS Pz Recn Bn, 10SS Pz Engr Bn, 10SS AT Bn, 10SS Pz Arty Regt, 10SS Signal Bn, Services and possibly 10SS AA Bn and 10SS Assault Gun Bn. There is no reason to believe that the division is any weaker than the SS Pz Divs that were employed in the Eifel attack. The two PGR may each be estimated at 2000 combat effectives, and there may be 100 tks (Mk IV and Mk V) plus 20 Assault Guns in the Tk Regt. The personnel may to some extent be non-German.

b. Weather - 20 Jan 45 - Overcast with rain and snow showers in the morning and broken clouds in afternoon. Visibility 1 - 2 miles at dawn, 5 - 6 by 1100A. Wind from West and NW 20 - 25 MPH, diminishing in afternoon. Min. temp. at dawn 25 degrees F.

21 Jan 45 - Clear sky at night with increasing low clouds during day. Visibility 6 miles at dawn and 10 miles in afternoon. Wind from W 12 MPH. Min. temp. 22 degrees F.

c. Total PWs during Period ——— 1
Total PWs to date ——— 1070

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

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Annex "A" - IPW Report
Annex "B" - PI Report

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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 19.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 172400A to 182400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

	No.	Unit	Unit and Place of Capture
a.	New Identifications:		
	NONE		
b.	Old Identifications:		
	NONE		
c.	Miscellaneous:		
	1	20 Para Regt, 7 Para Div	evac thru med channels
	Total during Period	1	
	Total to Date	1070	

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ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 19.

rI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6810; 6811; 6813.
G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII - 13 - 3&4.

Map Sheet 6810.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
1 79495640 This single mobile gun has been removed.
2 78815698 This 4-gun light FA battery is now unoccupied.
3 75066173 One position in this 2-gun medium FA battery appears unoccupied.
4 75006185 This 6-gun FA battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1 77005615 3-gun light AA battery.
2 78756108, 78606062, 78716049 3-gun light AA battery at each MR now unoccupied.
3 78726091 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
4 80455935 This 3-gun light AA battery is now unoccupied.
5 80146045, 80116010, 80006000 3-gun light AA battery at each MR now unoccupied.
6 80106034 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
7 80766229 4-gun heavy AA battery.
8 77455740 This 3-gun light AA battery is now unoccupied.
9 77455938 This 4-gun heavy AA and 3-gun light batteries are now unoccupied.

Map Sheet 6811.

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.
1 86936181 4-gun heavy AA battery.
2 85356136 4-gun heavy AA battery.
3 85396121, 85246115, 85056105 3-gun light AA battery at each MR.

Map Sheet 6813.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.
1. 09235765 Formerly reported 5-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
2 09705853 Formerly reported 3-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
3 12205750 Formerly reported 3-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
4 18655762 Formerly reported 4-gun light battery now unoccupied.
5 19055715 Formerly reported 4-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.
1 08755817 to 09075793 Communication trench.
2 14455740 to 14855735 Communication trench.
3 15495707 to 15805706 Communication trench.

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 - 3 & 4.

A. FIXED DEFENSES.
1 11105430 - 10255387 - 10205430 Trench system through woods.
2 08505380 - 09055331 Trench in woods along edge of road.

B. OBSTACLES.
1 07065396 - 07155387 A/Tk ditch extended.
2 10705406 - 11005395 A/Tk ditch in woods.
3 09405345 & 09405327 Short A/Tk ditch at each point.
4 12705482 Short A/Tk ditch.

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 200001 JAN. 45

TO 202400 JAN. 45

PLACE NIEDERBETSDORF, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			1200	Co A. reunited to 48.	
			1345	Bn parties called for.	
			1430	Bn parties to C. P.	
			1430	Bn C.O. to C.C.A.	
			1545	Bn C.O. at C.P. w/orders.	
			1545	orders issued to C.O's at Bn C.P.	

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From: 200001 JAN.
To: 202400 JAN

HQ. 48 TK BN.
NIEDERBETSDORF, FR.

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Maps: HAGENAU & SELTZ SHEETS, SCALE 1:25,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
SNOW - 200 YDS.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
Bn - B-48 remained on alert for possible C/A mission to E or NE. B-48 continued direct support missions w/68 & 3-315 in Pfaffenhoffen. Bn Parties sent to vic Hochfelden. Plans drawn up for covering of withdrawal of 14AD and 79 Inf Div to south on 21 Jan

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
SATISFACTORY.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
Accomplished

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4(76)	2			
	M4(105)	3			
"A" Co	M4(75)	4	4	2	
	M4(76)	6			
	M4(105)		1		
"B" Co	M4(75)	5		1	
	M4(76)	11			
	M4(105)	1			
"C" Co	M4(75)	5		2	
	M4(76)	7			
	M4(105)	1			
"D" Co	M5(37)	9		2	
TOTAL	M4(75)	14	4	5	
	M4(76)	26			
	M4(105)	5	1		
	M5(37)	9		2	

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1. a. Omitted.
b. TFW w/dr. to HAGENAU defense line on Corps Order.

2. 315th Inf. (68 AIB & 2nd Bn, 313th attchd for w/dr) commence w/dr at dark, 20 Jan, 1945 by infiltration. (Assemble at entrucking area, move by mtr. to rear assembly area). 2nd Bn. atchd CCR for w/drawal, will move on CCR's transp. to rear assbly area (Overlay).

3. a. 3rd Bn, 315th commence w/drawal by infiltration from RITTERSHOFFEN at dark, 20 Jan. Leave shell consisting of one plat w/auto wpns and tanks andTD's. Shell to w/draw commencing 210300. TD's revert to 1stBn at pt. coord. w/1st Bn. Tanks revert to 48th TK Bn. after successful w/drawal ofshell. (Coord w/CO, 48th Tk Bn) Rte of w/dr, entrking area, rte to rear assbly area (Overlay).
b. 1stBn - covering force of not less than one (1) Co. to occupy position W. of RITTERSHOFFEN to cover w/drawal main body from RITTERSHOFFEN andHATTEN. Covering force to commence w/drawl at 0500; TD's act as rear gd. covering force for Bn. Rtes, Assbly area, entrk. pt., rtes to rear assbly area, (Overlay).
c. 2ndBn move from entrk. area East end NEIDERBETCHSDORF under control Bn. Comdr. Notify Regt. when ready to move, for clearance. Revert veh. to 14th Armd Div. control at detrucking point (Overlay).
d. 68th A.I.Bn. - commence w/dr. from RITTERSHOFFEN by infiltration at dark. Leave shell consisting of one (1) Plat w/auto. wpns., & tks. Shell to commence w/draw. at 210300; Tks. revert 48th Tk. Bn. after w/drawal. (Coord. with CO. 48th Tk. Bn) 68th A.I. Bn rever to 14th Armd control at entrk area (overlay).
e. A.T. Co. - Coord. w/dr. A.T. guns in RITTERSHOFFEN w/ 3rd Bn to commence at dark. Move to new assbly area 192000 Jan. (Overlay)
f. Cn. Co. - Remain in position until 210~~530~~ 0400 to support covering force w/drawal. Road mamhine march at that time to new assbly area (Overlay).
g. Hq. Co. - Commence infiltration w/drawal at 201900 to new area. Operations (fwd and rear) moveon order.
h. Co. "C", 304th Med. Bn. - move to new assbly area by infiltration commencing at once. Leave shell of evac. personnel to w/draw 210500 Jan. Rte, assbly area (Overlay).
i. Tks and TD's - move under control of units to which attchd until w/drawn behind covering force. Tanks revert control 48th Tk. Bn. at that time. TD's now at RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN attchd 1st Bn for covering force; w/draw with covering force commencing 21-0500, as rear guard. Revert 14th Armd control at SURBOURG.
j. I&R Platoon; Guides on rte from NEIDERBETSCHDORF to destination. I&R Plat Ldr will accompany rear gd. to pick up guides on own transportation.
k. Co. "B", 2nd Chem Bn - Road march (S) Plat to assbly area at dark; Road march remainder of Co. at 202100 Jan. to assbly area. Rte, assbly area (Overlay)
l. 2nd Bn, 313th - Commence w/drawal at 201830. 15 QM Trucks avail. Retain control of trucks upon arrival new area. Disposition by G-4 later. Revert control 313th Inf. new area.
m. (1) Utmost care must be taken to assure secrecy of movement. Caution in breaking contact w/en. is very necessary.
(2) All property, vehicles, and am. units which cannot be w/draw, must be thoroughly destroyed prior to departure, to safeguard against falling into En. hands.
(3) Units will notify Regt. when ready to entruck for clearances. All avail. trans. to move to new area by infiltration as early as possible.
(4) Q.M. Veh. retained in Bn. areas subject to regt. Call on arrival new area.

4. Truckhead daily - MOMMENHEIM.

5. a. Radio - Normal. No mention of movement over air.
b. CP's (Overlay) Close present location 210500; Open new area on arrival.

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ATTACHED UNITS

1ST BN 314TH INF
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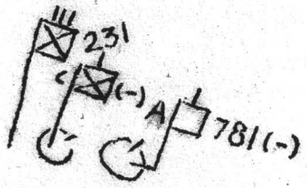
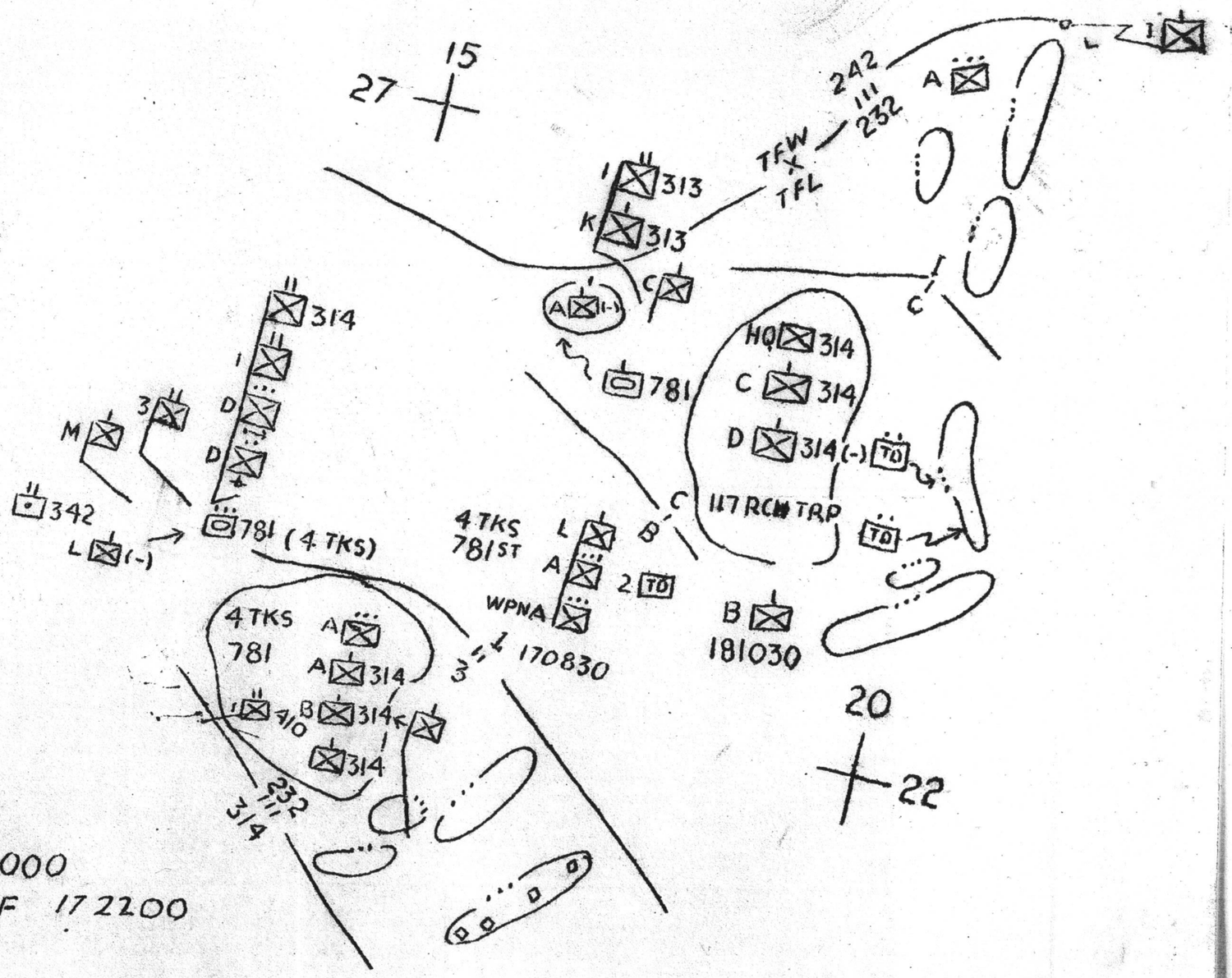
CO. K 313TH INF
TRP. B 117 RCN TRPS
T.D'S 827
40TH ENGRS
TK'S 781ST TK. BN.





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Date: 20 Jan 45

G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No 20.

MAPS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000 Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Lines - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) — RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533) road to include Eastern third of RITTERSHOFFEN and all but the SW corner of HATTEN (R-1733).

b. Defensive Organization - See Annex "C".

c. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - During hours of darkness in this period ey was relatively quiet with an increase in flare activity noted. Green, red, and white flares seen S of HATTEN. Daylight brought on the continuation of heavy fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. The ey launched two strong attacks against HATTEN at 0800A and 1210A. The attacks were supported by intense arty and mortar barrages, SA, AW, and tk fire; repulsed after bitter fighting with little loss of ground. After the attacks were repulsed HATTEN received only intermittent mortar, flat trajectory arty fire from ridge N of town, medium arty from direction of BUHL (R-1935) and sniping in E part of town. Ey continued very sensitive to advances in RITTERSHOFFEN, replied to our tank fire with intense high velocity gun fire from woods N of town. At close of period heavy vehicular traffic was reported on the BUHL—HATTEN road.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - At 0735A TF WAHL reported considerable armor on ridge N of HATTEN. Ey tk observed at R-165327 at 0830A. 2 ey tks and 3 half-tracks observed at R-168347 at 0910A. At 1030A 3 ey tks observed R-16713464 firing toward HATTEN. Ey tks reported firing into HATTEN from R-178343 at 1100A. At 1115A, 3 ey tks observed at R-16653450, fired on by our arty with a direct hit on one. At 1145A, CCB reported 1 Mk V or VI hit, left burning, second tk hit, near miss on third tk vic R-171347. 2 or 3 Mk VI reported at R-180341 at 1320A.

(2) Artillery - Ey arty not very active in Div sector except in HATTEN. Two ey attacks in HATTEN preceded by an intense flat trajectory arty barrage. Med arty fell from the NE throughout the afternoon in HATTEN. Several rounds of high trajectory light arty fire fell vic R-10593473 at 0930A. At 1340A, 20 rds of 105mm fire fell at R-17253570. HOHWILLER (R-1236) received 15 rds of 105mm fire at 1530A. 3 rds of med arty fell vic HOELSCHLOCH (R-0735) at 2115A.

(3) Infantry - At 0800A ey launched a strong attack from NE, E, and SE by unestimated number of Inf supported by all types Inf weapons against our positions in HATTEN. Attack stopped at 0900A with no loss of ground. At 1210A ey attacked again supported by possibly 3 or 4 tks, made slight gains and was repulsed by 1530A. Since then HATTEN subjected to intermittent mortar and flat trajectory arty from ridge N of town. In RITTERSHOFFEN ey resistance continues stiff. Ey moved out of church but retained strongpoint in adjacent building. At 1630A, 50-man ey patrol

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reported at R-202311. Ey activity reported around pillbox R-17943423 at 1450A, pillbox R-17873398 at 1045A, and pillbox R-18003437 at 1615A. Reported at 1910A that AT guns in the Southern tip of RITTERSHOFFEN continue to fire on our tks and armored vehicles in spite of heavy shelling by our arty and tks. At close of period ey was ominously quiet in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather - 21 Jan 45 - Clear in early morning, becoming scattered to broken low clouds after 0930A to haze and light fog, improving rapidly to 6-8 miles after 0930A. Wind from NW, 4-8 mph. Colder. Minimum temperature 25 degrees Fahrenheit. 22 Jan 45 - High clouds in early morning with scattered low clouds after 1100A, becoming overcast after 2000A. No precipitation except light snow after 2200A. Visibility 1/2-1 mile, improving to 3-4 miles after 1100A. Wind from SW, 4-8 mph, increasing to 12-14 after 1600A. Colder. Minimum temperature 16 degrees Fahrenheit.

b. Total PWs during period - 2
Total PWs to date - 1072
(See Annex "A")

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 13, dated 13 Jan 45.

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Annex "A" - IPW Report.
Annex "B" - PI Report.
Annex "C" - Overlay - Defensive Organization.

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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 20.

Division Interrogation Report for Period 182400A to 192400A Jan 1945.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War:

NO	UNIT	UNIT AND PLACE
a. New Identifications:		
N O N E		
b. Old Identifications:		
2	3/35 Pz Gren Regt, 25 Pz Gren Div	19 AIB - HATTEN

Total PWs during period - 2
Total PWs to date - 1072

2. Unit:

3/35 Pz Gren Regt, 25 Pz Gren Div - PWs joined 3rd Co on 26 Dec 44 in RHEINE, Westph. They were trained by Pz Gren Repl Bn 4 -- ISERLOHN, Westph. Went to vic PIRMASENS on 7 Jan 45, where they stayed for 2 days. 3rd Co occupied sector from 17413319 down to the RR and along the RR to 17703310. 2nd Co was on left of 3rd Co also along RR up to about 18403319. 3rd Co CP in cellar of house at 17803315. 1st Bn CP in bunker at 18383336. AT gun at 17903313. PW claimed that before mentioned AT gun knocked out about 3 tanks on 13 Jan 45 at 1030 hr during attack on RR station and apparently on southern approaches of HATTEN, and helped in knocking out about 10 tanks on 17 Jan 45 at 1100 hr. 1 American PW was taken during the 1st attack.

On 19 Jan 45 at 0200, PWs deserted from their lines, walked over to woods vic 178323 turned west and continued west until fired on from house at 16093237. They walked out of woods with raised hands and surrendered. PWs were amazed that woods were so sparsely held.

PWs only know of 3rd Co in 1st Bn. Co strength ca. 80 men. 3 Plats per Co, 3 Sqds per Plat. 1 MG per Sqd, 3 Pz FAUST per Sqd. Individual armament, rifle. Losses of Co light.

3. Personalities:

3rd Co, 35 Pz Gren Regt	CO 3rd Co	Oberlt Schwarz

4. Miscellaneous:

Arty fire on positions of 3rd Co was very heavy but PW claims that only 2 casualties were inflicted during 8 Days.

PWs usually eat in vic 177333, and when relieved they sleep in houses in that vic.

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ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 20.

PI INTERPRETATION REPORT

Map Sheets Used:

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets 6812, 6813, 6814, 6815, 7014, 7015, 7114, 7115, 7214.
G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), Scale 1/25,000, Sheets XXXVIII - 13 - 1&2, XXXIX - 13 - 1&2, XXXIX - 14 - 1&2, XXXIX - 15 - 1&2.

General Note:

Considerable activity is seen in the neighborhood of WINZENBACH (R-2637), EBENBACH (R-2436) and NIEDERROEDERN (R-2234). There are a number of both field and AA batteries, and some M.T. are seen, and the trackage in the area is very heavy.

South of KLINGENMUNSTER (R-2060), MORZHEIM (R-2463), STEINWEILER (R-2958) and ERLENBACH (R-3357), many batteries, both FA and AA, have become unoccupied.

Map Sheet 6812:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1	04156039	This 4-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
2	03456047	This 2-gun light FA position now unoccupied.

Map Sheet 6813:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1	10556064	Previously reported 3-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.
2	09606061	Previously reported 4-gun light FA battery now unoccupied.

B. OBSTACLES.

1	13976063 - 14206082	Trees felled across road.
2	14296097 - 14436118	Trees felled across road.

Map Sheet 6814:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1	29615625	This formerly reported 3-gun FA battery is now unoccupied.
2	25756284	This 4-gun FA battery is now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1	21405956	This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
2	21245955 & 21525946	These two 3-gun light AA batteries are now unoccupied.
3	28276420	4 positions of this 8-gun heavy AA battery is still believed occupied.
4	29505790	These four light AA gun positions at STEINWEILER are now unoccupied.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

1	21106150 - 21106110	Communication trench.
2	30406156	Small trench system.
3.	31006190	Trench extended.

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Map Sheet 6815:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1 33405664 & 35155565 These 4-gun light FA batteries are now unoccupied.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1 32905670 This 4-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
2 32805664 This 3-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

1 33505780 Small trench system under construction.
2 31606090 - 31506152 Trench system under construction.
3 31926120 - 31986141 - 32246137 Trench system.
4 36905727 Small trench system.

Map Sheet 7014:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1 22453473 2-gun light FA battery.
2 23113500 4-gun light FA battery.
3 24133573 Probable 2-gun light FA battery.
4 23603645 3-gun light FA battery.
5 23593660 Probable 3-gun light FA battery.
6 26163447 Probable 4-gun light FA battery.
7 22863434 Probable 2-gun light FA battery.
8 28333563 Probable 4-gun light FA battery.
9 28453576 Delete formerly reported unoccupied gun emplacement.
10 21703455 2-gun light FA battery.
11 24553610 Possible 3-gun battery.
12 25783725 Possible single light FA gun.
13 24103653 2, possibly 3, light FA guns.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1 26853504 & 26053463 Three, possibly 4-gun light AA battery at each M.R.
2 26953500 4-gun heavy AA battery where formerly was reported a 2-gun SP battery.
3 232348 2 possible AA SP. These are light guns.
4 22103420, 22103406 & 24203410 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.
5 23053430 Probable 4-gun heavy AA battery.
6 24353506 & 24003537 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.
7 23423585 & 24803639 Probable battery of nine S/Ls, or possibly light AA guns at each M.R.
8 24653687 Probable 10 light AA guns.
9 25723744 This previously reported 6-gun heavy AA battery is now unoccupied.
10 26813665 3-gun light AA/SP battery.
11 25853784 3-gun light AA battery.
12 27053653 Probable 3-gun light AA battery.
13 26643606 3-gun AA/SP battery.
14 27163528 & 26953520 3-gun light AA battery at each M.R.

C. MISCELLANEOUS.

1 23413416 Military activity; several vehicles and much trackage.
2 23153485 Nine MT at this location.
3 26883455 Six MT at this location. Considerable trackage here at edge of woods.

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Map Sheet 7015:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1 39394034 Probable unoccupied 3-gun light FA battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1 33104124 Previously reported 4-gun heavy AA battery now appears to be a 6-gun heavy AA battery.

Map Sheet 7114:

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1 26493315 This battery previously reported as four light FA guns is now believed to be four light AA.

2 21872925 Four unoccupied emplacements for SP guns.

3 26753260 Three 3-gun light AA batteries.

4 27603225 A 4-gun and 3-gun light AA battery.

5 24103065 Trackage and probable 3 or 4-gun light AA battery.

6 26452931, 26352919 & 26302910 Light AA gun at each M.R.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

1 29552312 Shelter. (Confirms purple info on Defense overprint).

2 29292310 Trench and MG post.

3 29152350 - 29002337 Trench.

4 27722577 Pillbox. (Confirms purple info on Defense overprint).

5 29052350 Trench and MG post.

6 299237 Shelter.

7 299243 Shelter shown in purple is believed to be pillbox.

Map Sheet 7115:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1 32382875 This previously reported 4-gun light FA battery appears to be unoccupied. The guns may have moved into the four casemates to the rear of the battery.

B. FIXED DEFENSES.

1 32782829 - 33302835 Communication trench extended.

2 33602953 Pillbox.

3 36953073 Shelter or pillbox under construction.

Map Sheet 7214:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1 21052178 Unoccupied 4-gun light FA battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1 20001524 & 20041535 4-gun heavy AA battery at each M.R.

C. FIXED DEFENSES

1 20501785 - 21321910 Communication trench batween pillboxed on Eastern bank of RHINE River.

Map Sheet XXXVIII - 13 - 1&2:

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1 90935091 This 6-gun medium FA battery is now unoccupied.

2 90615045 3-gun medium battery.

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Map Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 1&2:

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1	16385025	3-gun light AA battery.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 14 - 1&2:

1	16423426	At this coordinate is seen considerable trackage of military vehicles. There are tracks of at least one tank connecting this point with the town of RITTERSHOFFEN, and there are also tracks connecting the town of HATTEN. it is possible that this part of the hill may be an enemy OP.

Map Sheet XXXIX - 15 - 1&2:

A. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

1	15821193, 15931178, 16151200, 13951335 & 13861335	Three AA/MGs at each M.R.
2	13561300 & 13751245	These three light AA batteries are now occupied.

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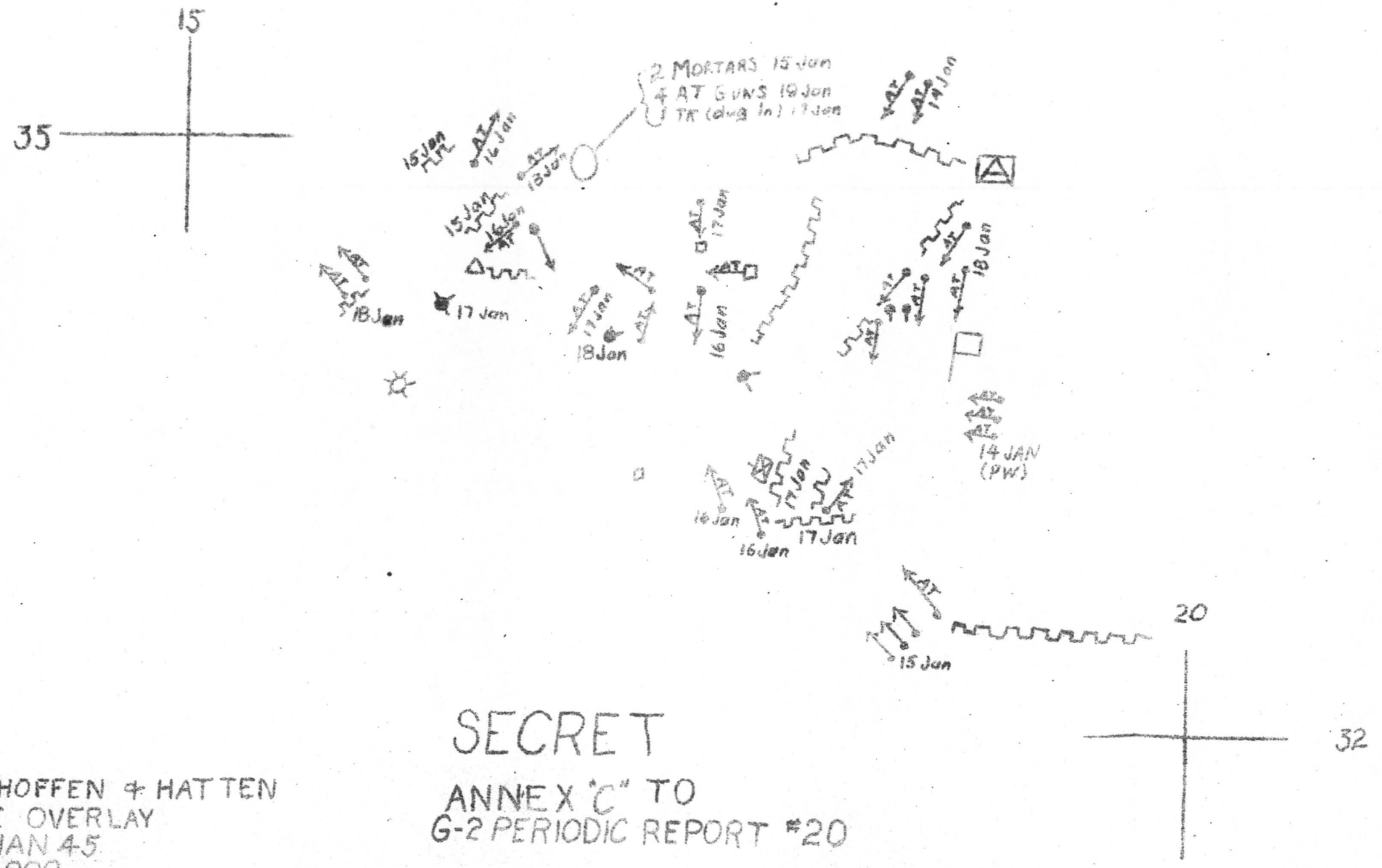
Map Sheet 7114:

1	23602335	This bridge has been repaired and is now opened for two lane traffic.

REPORTS ON RHINE RIVER CROSSINGS

1	R-276271	Ferry in operation. Single lane approaches.
2	R-32453704	70', of ponton equipment tied up to East bank of RHINE.



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ANNEX "C" TO
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RITTERSHOFFEN & HATTEN
DEFENSE OVERLAY
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FROM 210001 JAN. 45

TO 212400 JAN. 45

PLACE WINZENHEIM FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0640	Bn Relay at Rudolsteby	
			0700	Bn C.P. in Schwadweiler	
			0740	Msg fr. - in position at K5M	
	0745		0745	Msg fr C.Cs -	
				A Co has reached M 9 K	
				B Co in assembly area.	
				A Co at B.	
				D Co at F	
			0835	Msg from CCA - Jenifer	
			0900	Bn C.P. closed at Schwadweiler	
			0900	Bn C.P in Colmey	
			1040	Bn C.P moved to Lubeney	
			1320	Bn C.P. en route.	
			1710	Bn C.P. at Wenzenheim.	

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS No. 29 (Issued orally to Ln Os)

1. The blocking detachments at KEFFENACH - SCHOENENBOURG - HOFFEN - LIETERSWILLER and RITTERSHOFFEN are scheduled to leave their positions to begin march to the south at 0500 today 21 Jan. These columns are short, about 5 trucks each. They may clear SURBOURG about 0600.

2. This command, the rear guard, follows those detachments without distance. Tentative order of march: 62(-) C-94(-) 500 Hq & Hq CCA C-125(-) 48.

3. No unit will leave its position without orders from this Hq, except that if hard pressed by the enemy, the forward units are authorized to fight a hard delaying action and holding the enemy beyond the line: OBERBETSCHDORF - high ground at 116350 and hill 700 yards south of SOULTZ pending orders from this headquarters.

3. Authority to start movement will be given by liaison officer, voice radio, or CW radio. If radio is used, the word "JENNIFER" will be used as a code word to start movement of the unit.
Route for all units: SURBOURG - HAGUENAU then to WILWISHEIM area as directed by military police. 500 from HAGUENAU to firing positions UHRWILLER. Released from CCA upon clearing HAGUENAU.

4. 62 send blocking detachment east on HAGUENAU - SOUFFLENHEIM Rd to distances of 3 to 5 thousand meters to protect east flank of column until cleared. Approximately a rifle platoon supported by two anti-tank guns will be used. Maintain contact with CCA column and withdraw with rear guard of 48. All units be prepared to fire on infiltration parties along flanks and protect themselves against air attack. Artillery harassing is light. Be particularly alert throughout the night against enemy infiltration around flanks and to rear of units.

5. Keep this Hq fully informed of developments ~~but prefer~~ BY BRIEF reports by radio.

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To: 212400 JAN.

Hq 48 TK BN.
WINTZENHEIM, FR.

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Maps: SAVERNE SHEET SCALE 1/50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:

OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:

CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Covered withdrawel of 14 AD & 79 Inf Div from Harten-Rittershoffen area delaying successfully by bounds to the west and south through Hegenau. Closed in bivouac area vic Wintzenheim at 2000, 21 Jan

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Successful coverage of withdrawal w/ no casualties

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hours	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
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TO 222400 JAN. 45

PLACE WINTZENHEIM, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			1030	Msg from CO. D. Bn C.O. meeting at Div.	
			1300	Bn C.O. to Div & CO.D.	
			1300	S2 & S3, inspection of Co's mess - personnel & equipment.	
			1900	Co. C.O. meeting at Bn Hq. notes enclosed	

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S - 3 REPORT

From: 220001 JAN.
To: 222400 JAN.

HQ. 48 TK BN.
WINZENHEIM. FR.

No.

Maps: SAVERNE SHEET SCALE 1:50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
   OVERLAY (21 JAN.)
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
   OVERLAY (21 JAN)
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   OVERLAY (21 JAN)
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
   CLEAR - GOOD.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   MAINTENANCE: VEHICLES & WEAPONS
   CLEANING OF PERSONNE
   TRAINING OF REINFORCEMENTS
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
   EXCELLENT
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
   SATISFACTORY

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4 (76)	2				
	M4 (105)	3				
"A" Co	M4 (75)	~~(4)~~ ~~4~~ 9	~~4~~ ~~4~~	~~2~~ 1	-	
	M4 (76)	6				
	M4 (105)	~~(2)~~ 1	~~2~~			
"B" Co	M4 (75)	~~(4)~~ ~~4~~ 4		~~(2)~~ ~~2~~ 2		
	M4 (76)	11				
	M4 (105)	1				
"C" Co.	M4 (75)	5		2		1 TIC DOZER INCL.
	M4 (76)	7				
	M4 (105)	1				
"D" Co	M5 (37)	9		2		
TOTAL	M4 (75)	~~14~~ 18	~~4~~	5		
	M4 (76)	26				
	M4 (105)	~~5~~ 6	1	2		
	M5 (37)	9				

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b. Push attacks further.

11 Move to No. -

1-a. C.C.B on W.

b. To stop c/a through Hag forest.

c. Infiltration of Germans

2- a. Se of Hag toward Bischwiller

b. Canals & waterways

3. No area safe.

12. Tk Co for Inf. Co.

a. Btr to 62 - Co 62 to 48

b. Sesselheim - location of 62

13. Traffic

a. Move off road - civilians

b. Roads bad.

c. Responsibility of ea. off & N.C.O

d. Light line south of here
Marlenheim - Wasselonne -
Saverne - Phalsburg.

14. Bn, listening watch.

15. 12 AD in Army Res.

21- Pz elements in Bischwiller

Parachute Div coming in -

16. Security discussion

a. guard responsibility up to Co C.O's

b. Plat Ldrs to check guard twice a night

S-3 1. Tank movements

2. Insp of weapons.

3. Check 50 Cal Ammo.

S-2 - 1. Password -

2. S2 Briefing

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Notes of Bn C.O. meeting

1. Reference: memo, 22 Jan.
   a. train reinforcement.
   b. insp. of weapons.
   c. Equipment.
2. Ref. Ltr - appearance & uniform
   a. Officers appearance
   b. Mens appearance
   c. Mid Chutting
3. Communications
   a. To be corrected
   b. Test at close range.
4. Decorations.
5. Passes to Paris
   a. Outstanding Off & men.
6. Oper Memo
   a. Prepare to attack N or N E
   b. Enemy Agents
   c. Refortification
   d. Recreation
   e. Maintenance
7. Security
   a. Responsibility of Co C.O. & Pltn Ldrs.
   b. Case of 12 AD.
   c. one man awake in each tank.
   d. Co area responsibility of Co to entrances of tank.
   e. Black rank.
8. Battle Experience
   a. To meet by Platoons.
   b. Critiques of our exercises to be turned in.
9. S-2
   a. Enemy agents
   b. Rigid security.
10. Memo. for training
    a. All off Bn C.O. read.

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E&O – 1. Traffic
a. Tks approved
2. Trip schedules
3. Operations of med & FOs
4. Sanitation report

S1 – 1. Purchase of commodities
2. Efficiency report –

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S-E-C-R-E-T

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Date:	21 Jan. 1945.

Hq., 14th Armd Div.
Vic: DETTWILLER (Q802172)
211800 January 1945.

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

1. Upon closing in assembly area Div is alerted to Atk to N or NE on two hours notice.

2. While in assembly area all units will be especially alert to apprehend enemy agents operating in this area and will execute rigid security measures to prevent a surprise Atk.

3. In order of priority units will:

a. Initiate a positive program to insure repair, maintenance and replacement of weapons, vehicles and individual clothing and equipment.

b. Provide a recreation and rehabilitation program for troops recently in combat.

c. Continue training and orientation of replacements.

d. Initiate training program outlined in previous Operations Memoranda.

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FROM 230001 JAN. 45.

TO 232400 JAN. 45

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0900	B-48 ASSIGNED TO 62	
			1130	REVIEW ARRANGED FOR BRONZE STARS.	
			1200	C-62 REPORTS TO 48	
			1500	REVIEW BY BRIG GEN SMITH DECORATION OF BRONZE STARS.	
1334		①	1530	Msg from CCA- 1. Institute Rd Block route Wasselone-Kirkfelden 2. Camouflage of Vehicles	
			1730	Series report and Rein ~~closing~~ submitted to C.O.D.	

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WINTZENHEIM, FR.

No. _____

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1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4(76)	2				
	M4(105)	3				
"A" Co	M4(75)	8		2		
	M4(76)	6				
	M4(105)	1				
"B" Co	M4(75)					
	M4(76)	W/62 A-1 B				
	M4(105)					
"C" Co	M4(75)	5		2		1 TK DOZER INCL.
	M4(76)	6	1			
	M4(105)	1				
"D" Co	M5(37)	9		2		
TOTAL	M4(75)	13		4		
	M4(76)	14	1			
	M4(105)	5				
	M5(37)	9		2		

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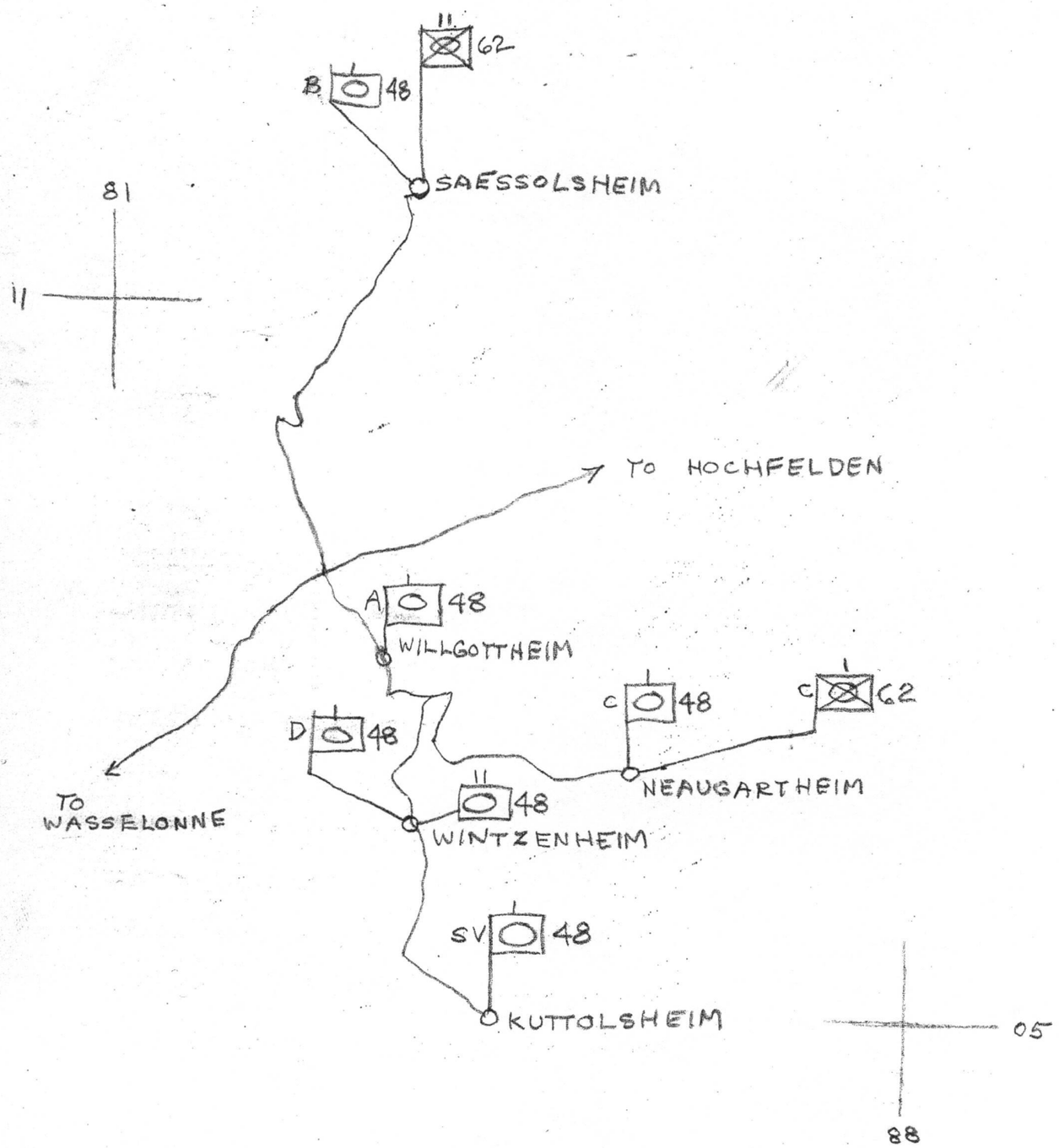

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To accompany S-3 Report
Map — Saverne
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Hq 14 AD
23 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 39.

1. KNELY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Ey launched several counterattacks NE of MULHOUSE. One counterattack forced the French to withdraw from hill NE of MULHOUSE. Ey patrols were active near KAYSERSBERG. In the KILSTETT area, the Bn surrounded there was relieved and 300 PWs were taken, all from the 553rd Inf Div.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Main ey activity centered on the flanks of Corps zone. Center of zone relatively quiet. 36th Div - 25 ey tks seen moving from OFFENDORF (R-1312) toward MEYERSHEIM (0412) around 1800A. During night, ey patrols driven off with hvy casualties at R-103184 and R-094176. Ey arty light and scattered. 79th Div - Considerable ey build-up vic OBERHOFFEN (R-0919), CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (R-0822) and BOIS DE OBERHOFFEN (R-0819) with Inf, tks, horse-drawn arty and AT guns. 200 vehicles reported moving in woods NE of BISCHWILLER (R-0818) and OBERHOFFEN (R-0919) -- possibly elms of 21st Pz and 7 Para Divs moving S. Ey patrols active vic HAGUENAU (R-0424). At 0600A, 10 ey tks were reported approaching HAGUENAU from the N. Heavy movement observed up and down the W bank of the RHINE. Very heavy AA fire in this area, even firing on our cubs. 103rd Div - Ey infiltrated behind our positions in OFFWILLER (Q-8534) and captured that town; at the same time an estimated Bn launched an unsuccessful counterattack at Q-8533. Ey column of trucks on both sides of road running SW from Q-884336 observed during the night. 45th Div - Heavy movement observed towards ZINSWILLER (Q-8935). At approximately 1650A, a 4-mile column of foot troops plus 100 vehicles extending from Q-890360 almost to BANNENTHAL (Q-8342) attacked by our fighter-bombers. Another column was observed on the road from Q-822425 NE through BANNSTEIN (Q-8344) toward WALDECK (Q-8446).

XV Corps: Quiet.

XXI Corps: Rail activity heard in FORBACH last 3 to 4 nights.

c. Third US Army:

AA Corps: Ey counterattack estimated Bn strength supported by 5-10 tks retook NEHRING.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. SHAEF estimates 335,000 ey plus 660 tks to be in action on the Western Front.

b. Weather: 24 Jan 45 - Broken to overcast low clouds throughout period. Intermittent light snow showers. Visibility 1 - 3 miles at dawn, improving to 2 - 5 miles by 1700A. Wind N 9 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 24 degrees F.
25 Jan 45 - Clear at dawn, increasing low clouds throughout day. Generally scattered in morning, broken in afternoon. Visibility 6 - 10 miles. Wind NW 12 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 27 degrees F.

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FROM 24000 JAN. 45

TO 24/2400 JAN. 45

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
		①	1000	Plan 1, 2, 2A, 3, 4 received from C.C.A. Pen established by Pen Plan 1-48	
			1530	Security lecture by VI Corps.	
			1830	Co. C.O.'s meeting.	
			1830	Plan 1, 2, 3, 4 of Attack submitted to Co. C.O.'s & C.C.D.	

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To: 242400 JAN

HQ. 48 TK BN.
WINZENHEIM, FR.

No. _____

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OVERLAY (23 JAN)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY (23 JAN)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY (23 JAN)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
MAINTENANCE OF WEAPONS & VEHICLES
TRAINING OF REINFORCEMENTS
SECURITY LECTURE BY Lt BAKER II CORPS.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	3			
"A" Co	M4 (75)	8		2	
	M4 (76)	6			
	M4 (105)	1			
"B" Co	M4 (75)				
	M4 (76)	W/62	A	B	
	M4 (105)				
"C" Co	M4 (75)	5		2	
	M4 (76)	6	1		
	M4 (105)	1			
"D" Co	M5 (37)	9		2	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	13		4	
	M4 (76)	14	1		
	M4 (105) M5 (37)	5 9		2	

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Notes for Bn C.O. meeting
25 Jan.

C.O.

1. Sanitation
   kitchens
2. Panels - not to be displayed
3. Mil Courtesy & discipline.
4. Talk to reinforcements personally by Bn & Co Comdrs
   a. assign positions.
5. Commissioning of enl. men.
   a. Select N.C.O.'s who are holding officers positions
6. Security
   a. Dir Req. checking.
7. Organize maintenance
   a. Camouflage vehicles
8. Plans for movement to So & E
   ~~1. C.C.B to Ettelbruck~~
   2.
9. Keep mobile for movement.

S2 to - 1. Ey situation

Ln Off - 1. Briefing notes

ExO - 1 No one on phone A, C, D.
2. C Co peep using lights
3 - Camouflage paint
4. - Rations for B-48 & C-62
5 - Blackout of windows
6 - Reporting by officers
7 - Promotion of officers
8 - Duffle bags

S3 — 1. Firing on 25 Jan.

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Plans of Atk from Present Location

Plan 1

Mission: Atk with 62 on axis Ettendorf - Ingwiller to restore MLR

Plan

a.) 48 assemble W of Ettendorf
1) Order of March
2-C-94
A-48
Bn Hq & Hq Co
C-62
C-48
D-48
2-C-125
Combat Tns
Bn Maint

b.) A-48 establish base of fire on high ground NW Ettendorf to support atk of 62 on left

c.) C-62 close support A-48

d.) A/G (massed upon arrival in assemb area) take positions to support atk, select alternate positions, displace forward when 4000-5000 yds to rear atk echelon

e.) Mortar plt select positions for close support of atk echelon, select alternate positions

f.) 2-C-94 make contact w/ey, then screen left flank, maintain contact with all advanced echelons 62

g.) C-48, 2-C-125 in Bn res vic CO party

h.) D-48 protect rt flank and rear

i.) 1 plt C-48 to CCA Res, Altdorf

j.) CP, enter assembly area, then rear of atk echelon

Plan 2

Mission: Atk with 62 on left on axis Huttendorf-Marschwiller, Davendorf to seize high ground to west of Davendorf and prevent further penetration of Corps zone.

Plan:

a.) 48 assemble vic Morschwiller
1) Order of March, same as plan 1

b.) 2-C-94 make contact w/ey, then screen left flank, maintain contact w/62

c.) A-48 lead atk, two plts up

d.) C-62 close support A-48

e.) Mort Plt, same as plan 1

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Plan 2 (cont'd)

f.) A/G, same as plan 1
g.) C-48(-), 2-C-125 in Bn Res vic CO party
h.) D-48 protect right flank and rear
i.) 1-C-48 in CCA reserve at Minversheim
j.) CP center assembly area, then rear of atk echelon

Plan 2 A

Mission: Atk w/62 on axis Brumath-Hagenau to restore MLR

Plan:

a.) 48 assemble vic Kriegsheim prepared to atk on axis Niedershoeffelsheim-Hagenau
b.) 2-C-94 make contact w/ey, then screen left flank, maintain contact all adv echelons, 62
c.) A-48 lead attack on right of 62, two plts up
d.) C-62 close support A-48, prepared to pass thru if atk encounters close terrain
e.) 2-C-125, Bn Res vic CO party
f.) Mortar Plt, same as plan 1
g.) A/G same as plan 1
h.) D-48 protect right flank and rear
i.) C-48, CCA REs at Rattlesheim
j.) CP,center assemb area, then rear of atk echelon

Plan 3

Mission: Atk E,NE, or thru 62 to SE from vic Wahlenheim to prevent further enemy penetration to west.

Plan:

a.) 48 assemble vic Wahlenheim
1) Order of March, same as plan 1
b.) 2-C-94 make contact with ey if attack is E or NE, guide Bn thru 62 if atk is SE thru 62, then screen right flank
c.) A-48 lead atk, two plts up
d.) C-48 close support A-48, prepared to move to either flank A-48 to form two column atk
e.) C-62, 2-C-125, Bn Res vic CO party
f.) Mortar Plt, same as plan 1
g.) A/G, same as plan 1
h.) D-48 protect left flank and rear
i.) CP, center assembly area, then rear atk echelon

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Plan 4

Mission: Atk w/62 on axis Landersheim-Strasbourg against ey penetration and restore MLR

Plan:

a.) 48 assemble vic Pfulgriesheim
    1) Order of March, same as plan 1
b.) 2-C-94 establish contact w/ey then screen left flank in front of C-48
c.) A-48 lead atk with two plt up
d.) C-62 protect right flank in close support of A-48
e.) 2-C-125, Bn Res vic CO party
f.) Mort plt, same as plan 1
g.) A/G same as plan 1
h.) D-48 to CCA Res, follow CP CCA on axis 62 (Shnerheim, Oberhausbergen) initially, then to assemb Offenheim
i.) C-48 protect left flank and rear
j.) CP, center assemb area, then rear atk echelon

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A-48 ✓
C-48 ✓
C-62 ✓
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23 January 1945

PLAN 4 AND 6

MISSION: CCA atk on axis LANDERSHEIM - STRASBOURG, destroy enemy forces making penetration and restore MLR.

PLAN:

a. 62(-C) plus B-48, 1-C-125, and 1-C-94 atk on axis SCHNERSHEIM (Q8706) - OBERHAUSBERGEN (Q9601) - STRASBOURG. Destroy enemy in zone.

b. 48(-B) plus C-62, 2-C-125, and 2-C-94 atk on axis SCHNERSHEIM (Q8706) - TRUCHTERSHEIM - PFULGRIESHEIM (Q9505) MITTELHAUSBERGEN - CR (Q000005). Destroy enemy in zone.

c. CCA Res: C-94(-), C-125(-) and D-48. Follow CP CCA on axis 62, then OFFENHEIM initially.

d. CP CCA: Axis of 62, then OFFENHEIM initially.

x. IP: RJ 869069.

Route: Overlay.

Report lines will be established and reports submitted by prescribed diagraph. Otherwise radio silence until contact.

Report road jams and serious delay by peep messenger at once.

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PLAN 5

MISSION: CCA attack on axis ETTENDORF (Q8823) - INGWILLER (Q8030). Destroy enemy S of MLR and restore MLR of 103 Inf Div.

PLAN: a. 62 (-2 rifle cos) plus B-48, 1-C-125, and 1-C-94 assemble S of KIRRWILLER prepared to push rapidly NW, destroy enemy in zone and restore MLR.

b. 48(-B) plus C-62, 2-C-125, and 2-C-94 assemble NW of ETTENDORF, establish base of fire to support atk of 62, and prepare to exploit their successes and restore MLR.

c. 500 follows 48, goes into firing position E of LIXHAUSEN, supports 48 and 62.

d. CCA Res: A-48, C-94(-), C-125(-3plat), assemble ALTDORF.

e. CP CCA: LIXHAUSEN.

x. IP: Overlay.

Route: Overlay.

Report lines will be established and reports submitted by prescribed diagraph. Otherwise radio silence until contact. Report road jams and serious delay by peep messenger at once.

NOTE: 1 Co 62 and 1 Plat C-125 to Div Reserve.

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PLAN 6

MISSION: CCA attack on axis ETTENDORF (98832) - INGWILLER (98050). Destroy enemy S of MLR and restore MLR of 103 Inf Div.

PLAN: a. 65 (-2 rifle cos) plus B-48, 1-C-125, and 1-C-34 assemble S of KIRRWILLER prepared to push rapidly NW, destroy enemy in zone and restore MLR.

b. 48(-B) plus C-65, 2-C-125, and 2-C-34 assemble NW of ETTENDORF, establish base of fire to support adv of 65, and prepare to exploit their successes and assist [illegible].

c. 500 follows 48, goes into firing position E of LIXHAUSEN, supports 48 and 65.

d. CCA Res: A-48, C-34(-), [illegible]

e. CP CCA: LIXHAUSEN.

x. IP: Overlay.

Route: Overlay.

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Report road jams and serious delay by jeep messenger at once.

NOTE: 1 Co 65 and 1 Plat C-125 to Div Reserve.

SECRET

Results of Run of 48 TkBn
Completed 25 Jan 45.
Alternate not suitable for
Tank Bn traffic.
Cross-country movement
not feasible.
No recommendations for
change of route.

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Hq 14 AD
24 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 40.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS:

a. First French Army:

I Corps - Push N of MULHOUSE meeting stiff ey resistance. Advance held up by heavy snow and ey mines laid in the snow.

II Corps - Ey launched a small counterattack in 3rd Div Zone last night which drove back our advance outposts. Recent snow impeding operations.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Movement in ey rear areas continues and patrolling activity increased somewhat. Approximately 18 hostile aircraft were over BISCHWILLER (R-0918) area on bombing, strafing and Recn missions during daylight hours. PW states entire 47 VG Div is in this area. 36 Div - Ey ground activity slight. Movement of Inf and tks continued. 25 Inf seen vic R-079128, 6 vehicles at R-153116, 3 tks stationary at R-128152, considerable movement of Inf and tks into OBERHOFFEN (R-0920). During night sector generally quiet except for light harassing fire and brief firefight at 2340A vic R-104183 with 20-man ey patrol. 79th Div - 4 tks seen vic CAMP de OBERHOFFEN (R-0821) at 1723A. Night quiet with light harassing arty fire in BISCHWILLER (R-0918). Ey outpost engaged by friendly patrol at R-069231. Ey digging-in vic R-05252410. 103rd Div - Ey build-up continues on Div front. At approximately 1825A tracked vehicles were heard moving from MIETESHEIM (Q-9331) to BITSCHOFFEN (Q-9028) and at 2200A armor was being moved into BITSCHOFFEN along the same road. PFAFFENHOFFEN (Q-9128) and LA WALCK (Q-9027) shelled by estimated 88mm arty. 45th Div - Ey activity light throughout sector except in vic REIPERTSWILLER (Q-8037) and N of SAEGMUHL (Q-7937). Arty and mortar fire scattered except in SAEGMUHL sector where forward elements moderately harassed during night.

XV Corps - Very quiet. This sector has been quiet for the last 4 or 5 days.

XXI Corps - No ey activity. Tac Recn reports heavy ey traffic moving SW in the direction of SAARBRUCKEN also some traffic moving S into BITCHE.

c. Third US Army:

XX Corps - 94th Inf Div meeting heavy ey resistance.

2. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Units Opposing VI Corps:

257 VG Div - (Corps boundary to WILDENGUTH)
457 VGR, 477 VGR (466 VGR on XV Corps front), 257 Engr Bn (1st Co only), 257 AT Bn (1st Co only), 257 Arty Regt (only part in VI Corps sector), 257 Fus Co and 257 Signal Bn not identified.

256 VG Div - (WILDENGUTH to ROTHBACH)
456 VGR, 476 VGR, 481 VGR, 256 Engr Bn, 256 Fus Co, 256 AT Bn, 256 Arty Regt, 256 Sig Bn, 256 Field Repl Bn (not contacted since 19 Dec).

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361 VG Div - Since Jan 9 contact has been extremely light and only units identified were 1st Bn, 952 Regt which was described by PW as having only 60 men and 2nd Co, 361 Engr Bn. The Division, which suffered extreme losses in the fighting in the BITCHE salient, is considered to be out of the line and possibly re-forming. The components are: 951 VGR, 952 VGR, 953 VGR, 361 Fus Co, 361 Engr Bn, 361 AT Bn, 361 Arty Regt, 361 Signal Bn, 361 Field Repl Bn.

6 SS Mountain Div "NORD"- (BAERENTHAL to PHILIPPSBOURG)
11 SS Mtn Regt, 12 SS Mtn Regt, 6 SS Recn Bn, 506 SS PG Bn (attached), 6 SS Engr Bn, 6 SS Mtn Arty Regt, 6 SS Mtn Signal Bn (6 SS AT Bn was never identified).

36 Inf Div - (PHILIPPSBOURG to WINDSTEIN)
87 GR, 118 GR, 165 GR (only 1st Bn identified, 2nd Bn believed not to exist at the present time), 36 Fus Co. No other components identified. They are 36 Engr Bn, 36 AT Bn, 268 Arty Regt, 36 Signal Bn.

47 VG Div - 3 Co, 103 VGR identified on Jan 23 at Q-971280. PW claims that entire division is in area. Its components are: 103 VGR, 104 VGR, 115 VGR, 47 Fus Co, 147 Engr Bn, 147 AT Bn, 147 Arty Regt, 147 Signal Bn.

245 Inf Div - (has no sector at present)
The only unit of this division identified since Dec 16 was 1st Bn, 937 GR and PG SCHINDLER which is believed to be under 937 GR at CLEEBOURG and South of INGOLSHEIM respectively. The division is believed to have re-formed and to be in immediate reserve. Its components are: 935 GR, 936 GR, 937 GR, 245 Recn Bn, 245 Engr Bn, 245 AT Bn, 245 Arty Regt, 1245 Ass Gun Bn, 245 Signal Bn.

21 Pz Div - (Between HARDT MTNS and RHINE)
22 TK Regt, 125 PGR, 192 PGR, 21 Pz Recn, 220 Pz Engr Bn, 200 AT Bn, 155 Pz Arty Regt, 209 Signal Bn, 200 Field Repl Bn. The last two have not been identified since October. There may also be 200 Assault Gun Bn.

25 PG Div - (Between HARDT MTNS and RHINE)
5 TK Bn (possibly only attached), 35 PGR (believed to have only 1 Bn at present), 119 PGR, 125 Pz Recn Bn (only 2 companies believed to exist), 25 Pz Engr Bn (not identified), 25 AT Bn, no other components have been identified, division is believed not to have any organic artillery but to be supported by 1151 & 1152 GHQ Arty Bns.

7 Parachute Div - (HATTEN to SESSENHEIM)
19 Para Regt (may have no 3rd Bn), 20 Para Regt, 21 Para Regt (2nd Bn identified only, 3rd Bn may not exist). No other units identified, and it is not certain whether they exist. They would be: 7 Para Engr Bn, 7 Para AT Bn, 7 Para Arty Regt, 7 Para Signal Bn.

10 SS Pz Div "FRUNDSBERG" - (HAGUENAU to WEYERSHEIM)
10 SS TK Regt, 21 SS PGR, 22 PGR. No other unit has been identified. They are: 10 SS Pz Recn Bn, 10 SS Pz Engr Bn, 10 SS AT Bn, 10 SS Pz Arty Regt, 10 SS Assault Gun Bn, 10 SS AA Bn, 10 SS Signal Bn, 10 SS Field Repl Bn.

553 VG Div - (FORT LOUIS to BEDENHEIM)
Normal components do not seem to exist. They were 1119 VGR, 1120 VGR, 1121 VGR, 553 Fus Bn, 1553 AT Bn (never identified), 1553 Arty Regt, 1553 Signal Bn (never identified). The division now controls a multitude of battle groups.

Miscellaneous Units - 38 GAF Bn, 51 GAF Bn, 52 GAF Bn, 815 Super Hvy MG Bn, 816 Super Hvy MG Bn, Fortress Regt XII/1, Reichsfuhrer SS Bn, 2 SS Police Regt.

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b. Delay Candles - This device composed of a wax candle, match, time fuse and flare cartridge is used for the destruction of shelters or buildings after evacuation by the ey. The candle burns down to the match which is inserted horizontally in the candle. The match lights the time fuse, which in turn fires the igniter, setting off the flare which sets the house on fire. A candle 25mm in diameter will burn at the rate of approx 1½ cm (approx ⅝ in) per hour. (Source: XX Corps) (VII Corps).

c. Incident at a bridge - About 222030A, an estimated 12 men dressed in civilian clothes, berets, armbands, carrying rifles and generally giving the appearance of FFI members, approached our bridge guard in ROTHBACH (Q-8434). These men were scattered out and one engaged the guard in conversation. Apparently two others then approached, shot and killed two of the guards. Our other two guards opened fire and the "civilians" ran off. It is not known if these twelve were hostile civilians or Germans dressed in civilian clothes. However, it does re-emphasize the fact that the enemy will resort to any kind of subterfuge and that a constant state of alert must exist in all areas.
(Source: VI Corps Periodic Report No 161, dated 21 Jan 45)

d. Enemy's Knowledge of our Situation - From incomplete rpts of headquarters safes, unit safes and unit papers captured by the eny in the ARDENNES breakthrough, it is highly probable that the eny has a very complete knowledge of the organisation, administration and order of battle of the First US Army. From the contents of captured administrative instructions, intelligence instructions, signal instructions, etc, he also has a comprehensive knowledge of our methods. He is, therefore, capable of preparing fraudulent documents and of infiltrating well-schooled and well informed agents throughout our forces. The probability of his exercising this capability is viewed as very high. (Source: First US Army G-2 Estimate No 61).

e. Explanations and Alibis Furnished By the Enemy Agents - Since the landing, the explanations or alibis furnished by captured enemy agents are extremely simple. Enemy agents have avoided complicated stories and have followed the theory that the simpler an explanation is, the more likely it is to be accepted.
Complicated stories are subject to a detailed interrogation and the enemy agent is apt to betray himself.
Following are examples of explanations offered:
(1) Search for parents in liberated territory.
(2) Search for supplies to be carried to a location where the supply is very difficult.
(3) Former worker in the Organization TODT.
(4) Escape from forced labor.
(5) Desire to surrender to the Allies.
Errors committed by enemy agents:
(1) Several among them, operating singly, were captured carrying identical objects, for example, butter in jars.
(2) An agent was carrying a falsified identity card dated January 1943. Unfortunately for him, he had in his possession other copies of the identification photograph dated March 1944.
(3) The identity cards were filled in with German handwriting.
(Source: 1st French Air Corps)

f. Canteen Trap - In a recent move southeast of MALMEDY through German-held areas, it was found that the enemy is extensively boobytrapping everything--trucks, dead bodies, and all equipment and vehicles. The following sample has been examined and found quite effective, easily made, and very deceptive:
A standard American aluminum canteen and cover was found attached to the pistol belt of a dead American soldier. The bottom of the canteen was cut with a sharp chisel-like tool and folded inward. About 3/4 of the canteen was packed with a cream colored putty-like plastic explosive, in the center of which was

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enclosed a booster charge detonator. From this, a cap and fuze extended out through a hole in the base of the canteen cover. A friction type igniter, ANZ 39, is used, attached to a five second delay fuze. The igniter is pegged into the ground by means of a small nail or wooden peg. The weight of the canteen thus prepared, closely resembles that of a full canteen. (VII Corps)

g. Weather - 25 Jan - Clear at dawn, increasing low clouds throughout day. Generally scattered in morning, broken in afternoon. Visibility 6-10 miles. Wind NW, 12 mph. Minimum temperature 27 degrees F.

h. Total PWs during period - 7
Total PWs to date - 1079

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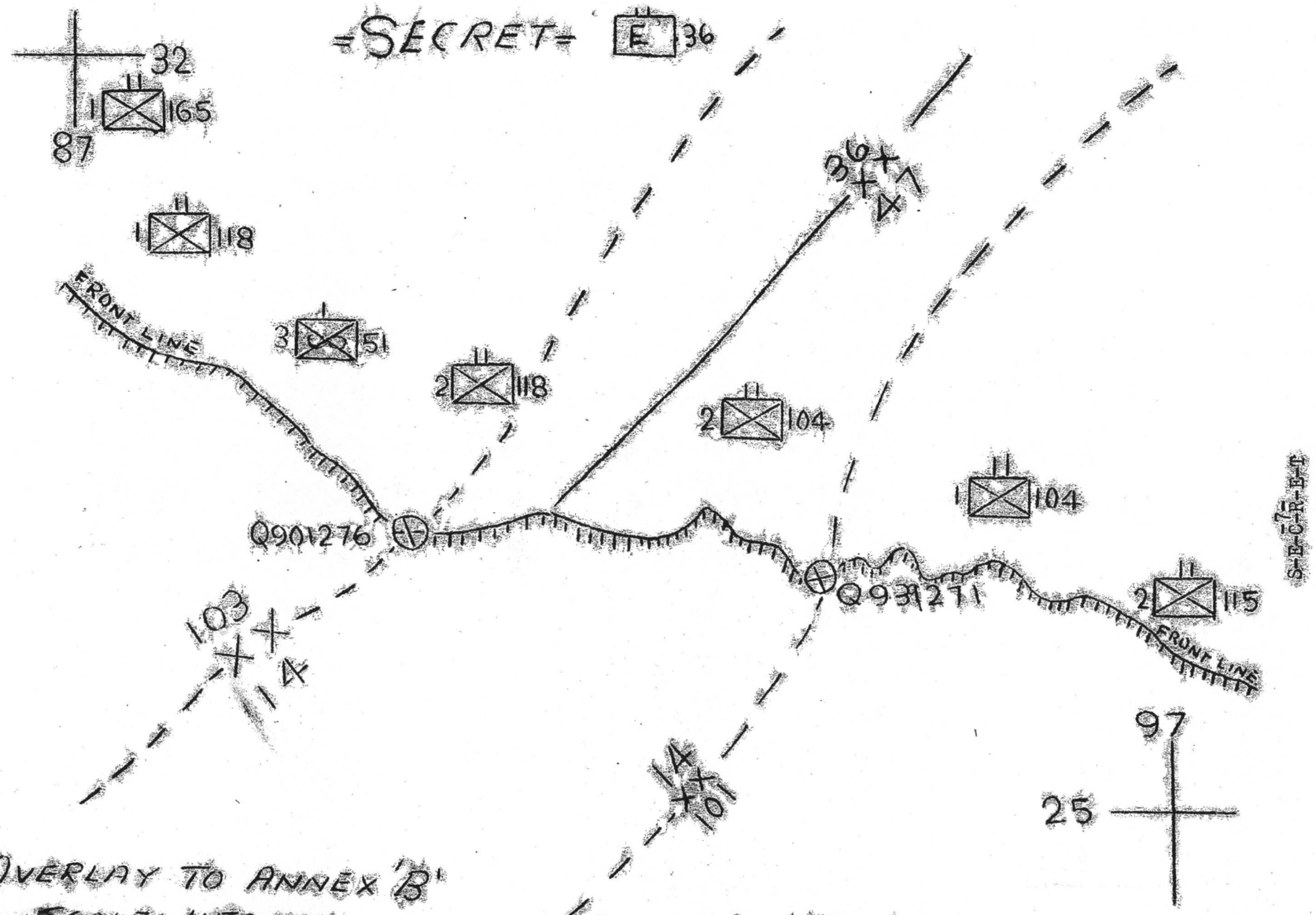

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

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18 February 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : See Distribution

Tank Flame Thrower School

1. School in the Tank Flame-Thrower will be held beginning 1300 21 February and ending 1600 23 February.

2. Personnel to attend:
   a. Crews of tanks containing flame-throwers
   b. 2nd Lt. Joseph T. Obermeyer, 01 692 638. (Officer-in-charge)

3. Equipment: Notebook and pencil.

4. Place: Div Hq Co Mess Hall, DETWILLER.

5. Transportation:
   Service Company will furnish 1 - 2 1/2 ton truck which will pick up personnel on schedule as follows.
   a. 21 February
      1130 CP Co B
      1145 CP Co A
      1215 CP Co C
      1600 CP 14AD (Return Trip)
   b. 22, 23 February
      0645 CP Co B
      0700 CP Co A
      0720 CP Co C
      1600 CP 14AD (Return Trip)
   c. Mess: (Noon meal only)
      a Enlisted men - Div Hq Co Mess
      b Officers - Div Hq Co Mess

By order Of Major CAVIN:

A. O. KINGSLEY
Captain, 48th Tank Battalion
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OFFICIAL:

H. J. Dover
H.J. DOVER
1st Lt, 48th Tank Battalion
Adjutant.

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 Tk Bn.

FROM 250001 JAN. 45

TO 252400 JAN. 45

PLACE

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0745	Bn alerted for immediate movement - msg to all Cos. Bn parties to CCA - Co C.O's meeting called for 0830	
			0830	Co. C.O. meeting at Bn Hq.	
		(1)	1100	Alert orders recieved from C.C.A	
			1200	Bn C.P. closes at Wintzenheim [?]	
			1325	Bn C.P closes at Lupstein	
			1400	Plan 4 & 6 recieved from C.C.A.	
			1400	Rcn sent for Rcn of routes of 4 & 6.	
			1730	Report by phone to C.C. Bn closed at 1730 -	
			1900	Msg fr. C.C.A - Next C.O's meeting at 2000	
		(2)	1915	Msg fr. C.C.A - Probable employment of 48 in Wildhausen - Schillersdorf area	

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From: 250001 JAN.
To: 252400 JAN.

HQ. 48 TK BN.
LUPSTEIN, FR.

No. _____

Maps: SAVERNE SHEET SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR - GOOD.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
BN ALERTED FOR IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT AT 0745. MOVED AT 1130 TO LUPSTEIN FR CLOSING AREA, LUPSTEIN, INGENHEIM, FURCHAUSEN AT 1730

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
SUCCESSFUL.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	3			
"A" Co	M4 (75)	8		2	
	M4 (76)	6			
	M4 (105	1			
"B" Co	W/6> A/R				
"C" Co	M4 (75)	5		2	
	M4 (76)	7			
	M4 (105)	1			
"D" Co	M5 (37)	9		2	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	13		2	
	M4 (76)	15			
	M4 (105)	5			
	M5 (37)	9		2	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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March to Lupstein 25 Jan –

March order –

1130 A-48
1145 C-62
Bn Hq.
Eng.
1200 – A-48
1215 Hq 48
1230 C-48
Serv. 48

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Kitchens with Trains –

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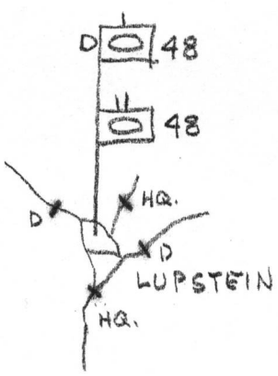

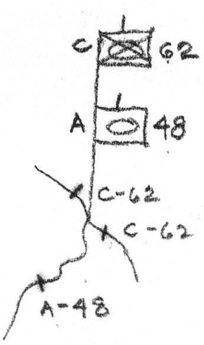

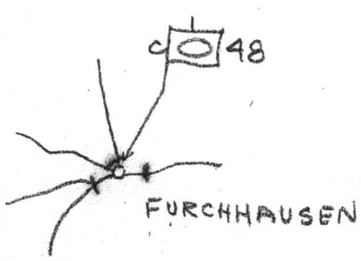

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HQ. 48TH TK BN 25 JAN 45
DEFENSE POSITIONS
MAP — SAVERNE SHEET
SCALE 1/50,000

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 41.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Ey continued to counterattack with armor of 106 Pz Brig vic N of COLMAR. At 0315A ey launched an attack on KILSTETT (R-0908) by tks and inf, strength unknown, from direction of GAMBSHEIM. Attack repulsed at 0630A by arty fire.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: Ey became aggressive and launched several attacks at scattered points in center of Corps zone. 36th Div - No contact reported. Ey arty fire slightly increased in Div zone since midnight. 79th Div - Ey laid down heavy arty, SA and AT fire against Western portion of Div sector at 2020A and made 3 attempts to cross MODER R under cover of this fire. All attempts were repulsed except at Q-990257 which attk was made in force by large number of ey and ey penetrated into woods vic Q-975245 after crossing river at Q-976263. Around 0200A approximately 100 ey crossed MODER R at R-065230 and demonstrated in area with arty, mortar, and SA fire between 0200A and 0600A. 6 tks reported milling around NE of SCHWEIGHAUSEN (Q-9924) and 5 tks reported at R-00082570 during morning. The 119 PGR, 35 PGR of the 25 Pz Gr Div and 103 VGR of the 47 VG Div were identified last night in woods along river N of HAGUENAU. 21 PGR of 10 SS Pz Div identified E of HAGUENAU (R-0424) today. 103rd Div - 12 Mk III tks reported vic ROTHBACH (Q-8434) yesterday - 4 KO'd. At 0430A, ey launched attack vic MULHAUSEN (Q-8631) with heavy MG & SP fire support and estimated 200 ey and 2 tks pushed on to SCHILTIGERSDORF (Q-8430) where they are now contained. KINDWILLER (Q-8929) hit this morning by 50 ey with tks. 45th Div - Our troops entered SEAGMUHL (Q-7937) at 2330A without contact but at 0130A undetermined number of ey forced our troops to withdraw. At 2030A, 50 - 75 ey attacked S from hill 301 (Q-8037) and forced our outpost to withdraw. Rest of sector generally quiet.

XV Corps: Still getting reports of movement from N into BITCHE (Q-7550) area, horse-drawn wagons, motor vehicles and tks.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Russian C-47 aircraft: Russian C-47 aircraft bear white numbers on the sides of the fin, will carry a red star with white edging on the under side of wings and both sides of fuselage, will be camouflaged dark grey and green.

b. US Tanks in Hands of Enemy: Of tanks recently falling into the hands of the enemy in this sector and certain to be used by the enemy against us are a number of the following types:

Med - M4A3, both 75 and 76mm
Light - M5A1

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 41

GERMAN NIGHT FIGHTING TACTICS

Evidence of increased German emphasis on night fighting and rules of night tactics are found in an undated document recently captured which contains excerpts from a manual "Night Movements and Night Attack", under preparation. Pertinent extracts from the document follow:

1. General. At night the enemy's superiority is least effective. Therefore night is our best ally. It must be used for daring attacks and all marches. Attacking at night reduces losses and may bring great success to units under courageous leadership. Particularly, an enemy who feels helpless without tank and air support and who spends rainy nights in buildings, must be beaten at night.

Orders for night attacks must be given early to permit careful preparation. The larger the unit, the earlier should the order be issued.

Irregular timing of the beginning of the attack increases surprise which is of the greatest importance. Therefore, the following measures should be taken:

Inconspicuous reconnoitering and registering of fire distributed over several nights.

Continue normal combat activities. No noises, no light, no shifting of units before nightfall.

Conditions are favorable when the target can be seen at 50 meters distance. Pitch-black nights usually cause failure.

Spotlights facilitate aimed firing and blind the enemy. When several spotlights are directed against a low hanging bank of clouds, the reflected light will produce the brightness of a half moon.

It may be of great help to set on fire barns and buildings located on the flanks or in the rear of the enemy.

Parachute flares should not be used, because their long burning time and short range provide the enemy with light to get his own units prepared. If the enemy lights up the forefield, smoke candles should be released quickly.

The attack will rigidly follow the direction previously ordered. No change in direction can take place once in attack is under way.

The target of the attack must be reached one to two hours before daylight to allow time for organizing for defense under cover of darkness.

2. Infantry Night Attacks. Individual hand-to-hand combat is decisive. Therefore, attack in deeply staggered wedge formation with a strong point.

Use few but daring men and many weapons.

Assault squads and platoons should lead. Try to overcome the heavy weapons of the enemy with light weapons.

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The attack should be launched from positions which are as close as possible to the enemy.

Leave these final assault positions on a whistle signal or visual signal. The foremost assault squads and platoons throw themselves upon the enemy with loud yelling and destroy him in individual hand-to-hand combat.

The attack may take place with or without artillery support. Where complete surprise of the enemy may be anticipated, that is on dark night, attack without artillery support promises greater success.

Artillery fire at night follows special rules, because aimed single shots are not feasible as a rule. Fire should be directed against probable strongpoints and area targets. A bell-shaped cover should be provided against enemy counter-thrusts, according to a predetermined fire plan.

3. Infantry and Tanks. Night attacks by armored units or armored Kampfgruppen may be extraordinarily successful. Tanks, however, should not be used without infantry.

The following conditions are necessary for a successful night attack with tanks:

Sufficient vision. Targets must be visible from a distance of 150 to 200 meters.

Suitable terrain and favorable ground conditions.

Night attacks by tanks with armored infantry riding on vehicles promises great success. The tanks attack first, the infantry follow closely behind or accompany the attack on the flanks. After reaching the target, the infantry take up defensive positions. The vehicles are pulled back while it is still dark and then put into readiness as a reserve against counter-attack.

Motor noises of approaching tanks should be drowned by low-flying raiders, by artillery fire and loudspeaker broadcasts. These noises must not be made for the first time during the night of the attack, but should also be produced during several previous nights. (Source: Twelfth Army Group, Weekly Intell Summary No 23)

ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 41

DISTINCTIVE MARKING OF AIRCRAFT

1. By 25 Jan 45 all aircraft of XII TAC will bear distinctive markings as follows.

a. P-51 C (Photo). Propeller spinner assemblies and fuselage nose structure section will be painted insignia red.
b. P-51 D (Photo). Propeller spinner assembly will be painted insignia red.
c. P-47. Propeller dome and engine ring cowl (approximately 14 inch width) will be painted insignia red.
d. Beaufighters. Propeller dome and forward engine cowling (14 inch width) will be painted insignia red.
e. Miscellaneous aircraft (B-25, A-20, UC-78, etc). Propeller spinners or domes, and engine ring cowl will be painted insignia red.

2. Prior to 25 Jan 45 an increasing no. of a/c will appear with the above comd markings since they are being applied by all units of XII TAC as fast as operations permit.

3. In addition to the distinctive markings above, Gp and Sq markings may appear on individual a/c; but they will not conflict with the Comd markings. These will be listed in a future memorandum.

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ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TK BN.

FROM 260001 JAN. 45

TO 262400 JAN. 45.

PLACE LUPSTEIN, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0715	Phone msg from CCA- Bn placed on 2 hr alert. Regular Duty day.	msg to all Cos & detachments
			1630	Co's S at Bn C.P.	
			1900	Co. C.O meeting at C.P.	
		(1)	2040	Msg fr. D.O.O. - one VTR to be dispatched to assist 36 Div in recovery of tank dozer vicinity of Buchwiller tonight. Authority C/S verbal orders	

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From: 260001 JAN.
To: 262400 JAN.

HQ. 48 TK B.N.
LUPSTEIN, FR.

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Maps: SAVERNE SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY (25 JAN)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY (25 JAN)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY (25 JAN)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
SNOW
~~CLEAR~~ - 400 YDS

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
PERIOD SPENT ON MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES & WEAPONS

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
SUCCESSFUL.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4(76)	2				
	M4(105)	3				
"A" Co	M4(75)	8		1		
	M4(76)	6				
	M4(105)	1				
"B" Co	M4(75)					
	M4(76)	W/62 A/B.				
	M4(105)					
"C" Co	M4(75)	5		2		1 TK DOZER INCL.
	M4(76)	7				
	M4(105)	1				
"D" Co	M5(37)	8		3		
TOTAL	M4(75)	14		3		
	M4(76)	15				
	M4(105) M5(37)	5 8		3		

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Notes of Co. C.O. meeting
26 Jan.

C.O.

1. Lay off route from briefing
2. Keep men comfortable.
   a. at least one man near guns
3. Be sure sentries know where C.P.'s are.
4. Training reinforcements.
   1. New training -
   2. Eyewash.
   3. Mil courtesy & discipline.
5. Track logs.
6. Mess inspection
7. Movies, 27 Jan.
8. Shower point - alloted
9. Check on stowage of vehicles
10. Log Post to Co. central
11. Civilians
   a. Use discretion in moving civilians
12. Clothing check.
13. Battle experience
14. Communications from O.P. to C.P.
15. Training Schedule

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1. Firing schedule.
2. Tk C.O.'s switch radio columns

2d O.

1. Doughnut girls

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1. Orientation
2. Password

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48th

Hq 14 AD
26 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 42.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Ey continues to resist our attacks both on the N and S flanks of the COLMAR pocket. French claim to have captured the CO of 106 Pz Brigade. 269 Inf Div reported as having left the pocket. 198th Inf Div opposing our 3rd and 28th Divs.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Yesterday ey defended his morning gains with stubborn resistance throughout day. Elements of 10 SS Pz Div pushed back across MODER River in area SE of HAGUENAU and over 100 PWs taken in this action. 5 ey tks reported at Q-888290 moving SW at 1830A and 10 tks reported at Q-973260 at same time. Night generally quiet with only scattered patrol contact. Ey arty light over Corps sector. 361 VG Div reported on way to Germany. 245 Inf Div unlocated. 36th Div - Patrols picked up 6 PWs from 2nd Bn, 2nd SS Police Regt (attached to the 553 Inf Div) E of WEYERSHEIM (R-0512). 79th Div - No ey W of the MODER River. In the NEUBOURG (Q-9626)--SCHWEIGHAUSEN (Q-9924) area where the ey made their main push yesterday, the 103d and 104th Gr Regts of the 47 VG Div, 119 and 35 Pz Gr Regts of the 25th Pz Gr Div, and 21st Para Regt of the 7th Para Div were identified. Light harassing arty fire was reported in HAGUENAU (R-0424), OHLUNGEN (Q-9723) and UHWILLER (Q-9524). Tracked vehicular movement was heard from CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (R-0821) toward HAGUENAU during morning. 103d Div - In SCHILLERSDORF (Q-8430) our troops still surround an est 200 ey holding the SE part of the town. The 2nd and 3rd Bns of the 12th SS Regt of the 6th SS Mtn Div identified in SCHILLERSDORF. Arty fire moderate with build-up of fire falling in left sector. PWs captured yesterday had articles of GI clothing and said they were issued to them on 22 Jan 45. 45th Div - Very little ey activity reported.

XV Corps - No news.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Security Measures Used Before Offensive - Interrogation of NCO's and O's of units participating in the German attack of 16 Dec brought out the following points in regard to security measures taken by the enemy prior to attack:

1. Signal Security. Prior to an attack, all code names, call signs and code keys are changed. From jumping off point to a depth of 3 km all telephone lines have to be strung double. This precaution makes it extremely difficult to tap a wire. The use of authenticators between telephone stations is stringently enforced. Only a small number of picked signal men are allowed to use telephones, in order to cut calls to a minimum and in order to insure that only a few men have knowledge of new call signs, coordinate-codes, etc. The use of walkie-talkie is forbidden. Whenever possible, messengers are used for communication, accompanied by a liaison officer if message is very important.

2. Violation of Blackout Regulations before an attack will result in severe disciplinary action. All troop movements, usually of no greater than Co strength, take place at night. Both men and vehicles stay under cover in daytime. If time permits, the heavy equipment such as tanks and arty pieces are brought to the marshalling area piece-meal, in order not to arouse the suspicion of Allied night reconnaissance.

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3. Troops are usually given security lectures. They are warned not to talk about military things, not even to neighboring units. Some unit commanders are known to have collected Soldbuchs before attacks, others told troops in case of capture to destroy them or tear out page 4 and 17 respectively.

4. Roadsigns with unit code names are used as sparingly as possible. Unit insignias and vehicle markings, however, are NOT removed. The disadvantages of removing the latter proved to outweigh the advantage obtained by a greater degree of security. It was found, for instance, that troop and vehicular traffic was slowed down in the absence of identifying markings, and that it was hard to apprehend stragglers and deserters.

5. Orientation of officers as to mission is given at last possible moment. Even then, they are given exact information only about the sector and unit with which they are directly connected.

6. H-hour is usually set between 0200 and 0400 in order to achieve a greater element of surprise.

7. Summarizing the enemy's seucrity preparations, it may be said he is not employing any new or unusual means to insure greater secrecy. His main strength in this respect lies in his rigid enforcement of above mentioned security program. (First Army IPW Report) (Source: VII Corps)

b. Weather - 27 Jan - Partly cloudy with light snow showers over VOSGES. Visibility 1 mile at dawn, improving to 2-3 miles after 1100A. Wind from NE 5-7 mph. Slightly colder. Minimum temperature 22 degrees Fahrenheit.

c. Total PWs during period - 5
Total PWs to date - 1084

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To: 272400 JAN. 45

HQ 48 TK BN
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1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY (25 JAN)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY (25 JAN)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY (25 JAN)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
SNOW - 400 YDS

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE
27 JAN. HQ. 48 TK BN.
RANGE FIRING: 1345 TO 1615 (actual firing)

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
SUCCESSFUL

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair		Lost During period	
			Fit in 24 hrs	Fit over 24 hours		
Hq	M4(76)	2				
	M4(105)	3				
"A" Co	M4(75)	9		1		
	M4(76)	6				
	M4(105)	1				
"B" Co	M4(75)					
	M4(76)	W/62 A/B				
	M4(105)					
"C" Co	M4(75)	5		2		1 TR DOZER INCL
	M4(76)	7				
	M4(105)	1				
"D" Co	M5(37)	9		2		
TOTAL	M4(75)	14		3		
	M4(76)	15				
	M4(105)	5				
	M5(37)	9		2		

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)

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1. VI Corps organize rear area defenses against enemy penetrations, infiltrations or parachute drops.

2. 79th Division organize towns in division area.

a. All troops billeted in towns are available to commanders indicated to establish perimeter defenses.

b. No unit will be diverted from its primary role, i.e., anti-aircraft defense, artillery, etc., to man perimeter defense (prior to notification of alert).

c. Road blocks, entrenchments and barriers will be constructed with minimum interference with normal duties of troops.

d. Guards and patrols will be coordinated by town commanders. Patrols to check; 1) security of military installations; 2) arrest suspicious individuals; 3) arrest civilians violating curfew regulations.

e. The weapons of the garrison of towns will be immediately available at all times.

3. 79th Reconnaissance Troop will be available as mobile reserve to town defenses.

4. Communications.

a. Town commanders (excluding commander designated by infantry regimental commanders) will report to A. C. of S., G-3, 79th Infantry Division (Bishop 3), location of their command posts and signal facilities, i.e., phone numbers, nearest radio set in division command, division artillery command, tank destroyer net or anti-aircraft artillery net, or similar useable net.

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LIST OF TOWN COMMANDERS.

Town	Commanders
BATZENDORF	Lt. Col. EDWARDS, ~~313 Inf Regt~~ 65 Armd Inf Bn
HARTHAUSEN	Capt McCLEMENT, 313 Inf Regt
NIEDERSCHAEFFOLSHEIM	Col. SNOW, 155th FA Bn
BIRCKWALD	Capt. T J McCRYSTLE, Cn Co, 314 Inf Regt
MARIENTHAL	Lt. Col. CALL, 1st Bn, 315 Inf Regt
GEBOLSHEIM	Capt. CORDATO, Co C, 304th Engr Bn
MOLMENHEIM	Lt. Col. VAN ALLEN, 304th Engr Bn
WILWISHEIM	Col. C.H. MARISTAD, CCA, 14 armd Div
LUPSTEIN	Maj. J. C. CAVIN, 48th Tk Bn
MELSHEIM	Capt. O. W. HALL, Serv Btry, 501 AFA Bn
SCHWINDRATZHEIM	Lt. Col. McFADDEN, Hq Comdt, 79th Inf Div
SCHERLENHEIM	Capt. J. S. RICHMAN, 151st AA Bn
WITTERSHEIM	Lt. Col. QUARLES, 634th FA Bn
HOCHSTETT	Capt. WARREN D. DREHER, Btry A, 634th FA Bn
WAHLENHEIM	Capt JOHN M. O'NEIL, Co B, 125th Engr Bn
WINTERSHAUSEN	Lt. Col. ROBERT L. VANCE, 499th Armd FA Bn
WALDOWINHEIM	Capt. W. W. ALLEN, JR., 710th FA Bn

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 43.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Ey continues to counterattack all our threats in the COLMAR pocket. Ey counterattacks are usually supported by 2 or 3 tks. Bulk of the 2nd Mtn Div reported opposing our 3rd Div.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Ey activity continued light yesterday and corps front quiet throughout night. Ey arty fire continued to be very light and only scattered patrol contact was made. Two Pen reported the following: Convoy of approximately 250 ey motor vehicles moving S from LAUTERBOURG (R-3241) in the direction of SELZ (R-2732); small groups of ey moving S from the RESERVOIR (R-1540) - LAUTERBOURG area. 36th Div - Sector very quiet as no contact and negligible arty fire reported during day. 79th Div - Ey vehicular and Inf activity in KRETZ.ILLE (R-9629) fired on by arty and 42d Ey friendly fighter planes yesterday. Heavy two way traffic reported between OT R-0919) and SCHIRRHOFFEN (R-1322) and between CAMP DE OBRHOFFEN (R-0321) and SCHIRRHOFFEN. Ey activity limited to minor patrols. 103rd Div - N of ZINSVILLE at R-89753661 two ey tks were taken under fire at 1640A. Ey activity limited to patrolling. Snipers reported in BISCHHOLTZ (R-8532) and MUHL-HAUSEN (R-8632). Estimated 7 companies ey and some SP guns in ROTHBACH (R-8434). Ey believed building up his forces to Bn strength in KINDWILLER (R-9029). Approximately 40 prisoners taken at SCHILLERSDORF (R-8430). 45th Div - No ey contact reported. Inf. vic R-8399370 apparently being used as supply route; being heavily harassed by our arty. Our patrol to REITERSWILLER (R-8037) found the town clear of ey.

XV Corps - Patrol activity only. 20 trains consisting of 50 to 100 cars per train were observed in the vic of KAISERLAUTERN. Direction of movement not determined.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Order of Battle -

(1) 25 PG Div - 25 Arty Regt has been identified for the first time since the Div came to the Western front after having been destroyed in RUSSIA. The 25 Arty Regt has one Bn of 4 Btrys of 105mm Hows and one Bn of 3 Btrys of 150mm Hows. (79 Div)

(2) 7 Para Div is under XIV SS Corps. (Document)

(3) 7 Para Div - Both 3rd Bn of 20 Para Regt and 3rd Bn of 21 Para Regt has now been identified, and it may be assumed that all three Regts of 7 Para Div have 3 Bns.

(4) The Recn unit of 7 Para Div is 7 Para Bicycle Co. It consists of 3 rifle platoons mounted on bicycles.

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b. "Blendgerat": The new use of a "Blendgerat" (dazzling device) against tanks is to be noted. This device, when it explodes against the tank, gives forth a thick smoke which has an irritating effect on the respiratory organs. The tank crew, who feel as if they are suffocating , open the hank or leave it. It has been noticed that men affected by this smoke show marked symptoms of asphyxiation. This device which used to be thrown by hand is now shot with the Kampf-Maschinen Pistole. It is made in Krause and in Landsberg. (Source could not give the names of the factories).

A secret memorandum, which has only been distributed to the echelon of section chief, orders that tank crews wounded by this device are to be shot so that the enemy cannot conclude from their wounds that the Germans are using combat gas. (Source: Ninth US Army, G-2 Periodic Report No. 132).

c. Weather: 28 Jan 45 - Scattered to broken low clouds becoming overcast after 1800A with snow after 2100A. Visibility 0 - 1/2 mile at dawn in fog improving to 2 - 3 miles in afternoon. Wind NE 6 m.p.h. becoming S. 12 m.p.h. after 1600A. Minimum temperature 14 degrees F.

29 Jan 45 - Overcast low clouds with snow showers and rain showers mixed. Visibility 1 - 2 miles in morning, 5 - 6 miles in afternoon. Wind S. to . 15 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 28 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period ---- 52
Total PWs to date---------- 1135

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ANNEX "A" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 43.

WEATHER CONDITIONS, UPPER RHINE VALLEY - FEBRUARY

General

February is the most favorable winter month for campaigning in the field. Rainfall reaches the lowest level for the year. Cloudiness is slightly less than at any time of the year except for the summer months. Temperatures, though slightly higher than in January, remain below freezing for considerable periods, assuring a firm foundation for maneuvering tanks and wheeled vehicles. In the air, cloudiness drops off and visibilities improve over the preceding months, providing an increased number of operational days for tactical air support. In all, February presents better weather conditions than either of the two preceding months or the two spring months to come.

Temperature

The mercury begins to rise in February. Averages are, in general, two to three degrees above those for January. Only at elevated points does the mean remain below the freezing point. Colmar with a mean of 36.9 degrees shows the highest average, while Grand Ballon in the High Vosges returns the lowest February mean of 24.9 degrees. Valley points, such as Strasbourg, Mulhouse, and Karlsruhe, enjoy a mean of 35 degrees. The highest temperatures ever registered in this area for the month fall in the high sixties, while below zero marks are still possible. Colmar once recorded 8.3 below zero. In an average February the mercury will rise to a maximum of 55 degrees and drop on the coldest day to a low of 10 degrees. To the east of the Black Forest slightly lower marks are observed. Donaueschingen has 28.0 and Munich 29.0 degrees in keeping with their more continental exposure.

FEBRUARY TEMPERATURE MEANS

Belfort	35.2	Baden Baden	35.0
Saverne	35.1	Freudenstadt	30.0
Strasbourg	35.1	Stuttgart	36.0
Grand Ballon	24.6	Ulm	31.0
Nancy	35.8	Augsburg	32.0
Metz	36.0	Freiburg	36.0
Rothau	33.4	St. Blasien	28.5
Sarreguemines	35.2	Karlsruhe	35.8
Hauto-Sierck	34.0	Basle	36.0
Mulhouse	35.2	Donaueschingen	28.0

Precipitation

February is the driest month of the year. Cyclonic activity, which brings so much moisture in off the North Atlantic, is much less pronounced than in any other winter month. Often a northeasterly circulation prevails for many days, bringing cold, dry air from the Great Russian Plains. Elevation and exposure are the chief determining factors in the rainfall pattern. Again the amounts received vary considerably in adjacent localities.

Valley locations, in general, receive less than two inches. Now Breisach has a mean of 1.20 inches and all points in the Rhine Valley floor and Alsatian Plain have less than 1.60 inches. Similar figures obtain also in the Bavarian Plain with Donaueschingen in the rain shadow of the Black Forest, receiving only 1.20 inches. Further east there is a slight rise (Munich 1.9 inches), but nowhere does the amount exceed 2.0 inches. The Vosges and Schwarzwald show al-

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most double and triple the rainfall of the valleys. Averages as high as 5.6 inches are reached at Ruhstein and Todtmoos in the High Schwarzwald. Even the hill country on either side of the Saar provides sufficient elevation to catch additional moisture. East of Trier the averages rise to 3.2 inches and in the Hardt Mountains to 2.4 inches.

Snowcover reaches its maximum depth in late February. It is entirely dependent on altitude. At Strasbourg the average February snowfall amounts to only 0.8 inches and the greatest depth ever measured on the ground was 5.9 inches. Mountain stations in the Vosges and Schwarzwald report considerably greater depths. Feldberg in the Black Forest has an average February fall of 60 inches and a mean snowcover of 103 inches. Snow will measure somewhat deeper on Eastern slopes than on western. In the mountain passes of the Vosges and Schwarzwald snow drifts may form a serious obstacle to the movement of military traffic.

Mean February Precipitation

Besancon	2.3 inches	Frankfurt	1.3 inches
Metz	1.5	Freudenstadt	4.7
Strasbourg	1.3	Nurnberg	1.1
Basel	1.5	Munich	1.3

Snowfall in Schwarzwald

	Average	Maximum
Kaltenborn	24.8	51 inches
Gersbach	27.0	75
Todtnauberg	33.0	53
Feldberg	60.0	103
Furtwangen	19.0	51
Bonndorf	12.0	27

Cloudiness and Moisture

Cloud cover in the Rhine Valley, though less, than in January, continues to be considerable. Karlsruhe at 0800A has overcast conditions 57 percent of the mornings. The figure falls to 49 percent by noon and to 48.5 percent by 1900A. Thus, the sky may be expected to be overcast 50 percent of the time. Clear skies will prevail 20-25 percent of the time at Karlsruhe. Similar conditions are found over much of the area with mountain locations in the Vosges and Schwarzwald reporting slightly higher percentages of cloudiness.

Relative humidity is high. Southwesterly winds predominate and this brings moisture-laden winds from the Atlantic. Strasbourg shows an average morning relative humidity of 88 percent and a noon figure of 76 percent. These high figures prevent rapid drying, though occasionally this regime is broken when cold, dry winds sweep out of Russia and brings spells of very dry conditions.

Visibility

Visibility in the Rhine Valley is generally poor throughout February. Obstructions to vision in the form of precipitation, smoke, haze, or fog are present most of the time. At Karlsruhe visibility is better than 6 miles at 0800A only 27 percent of the time, and is below 2½ miles 51 percent. There is a marked diurnal improvement in the morning hours, as over 54 percent of the noon observations show better than 6 miles. After sunset a rapid deterioration sets in.

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Often periods of very poor visibility tend to persist for several days. A haze layer settles near the ground, obscuring both horizontal and vertical sight. Sometime, however, the plateau regions west of the Vosges and east of the Schwarzwald are not affected by this haze layer which tends to settle over the Rhine valley.

Wind

The prevailing wind over the entire area is Southwest. This flow is emphasized by the contours of the Rhine Valley tending north and south. 41 percent of all wind observations at Karlsruhe are from the southwest and Strasbourg shows 43 percent from South and Southwest. The second most frequent direction at Karlsruhe is Northeast with 20 percent, while Strasbourg tends to North and Northwest with 24 percent. All other directions occur less than 10 percent. Calms exist at Karlsruhe 8.2 and at Strasbourg 15 percent of the observations. Wind speed is low. A general average of 7-8 mph. prevail over the entire area. Gales (over 32 mph.) are seldom experienced, probably less than once a February.

Wind Direction

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm
Strasbourg	11	4	2	2	12	31	10	13	15
Metz	8	14	3	3	8	16	10	4	34

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TABLES FOR FEBRUARY 1945
Strasbourg 48 35N 07 45E 500 Feet

February	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
1	0758	1728	2150	1006	Full Moon
2	0757	1730	2253	1030	
3	0755	1731	2356	1050	
4	0754	1733	----	1111	Last Quarter
5	0753	1734	0059	1129	
6	0752	1736	0205	1159	
7	0750	1738	0310	1231	
8	0748	1740	0416	1330	
9	0746	1741	0519	1359	
10	0745	1743	0617	1459	
11	0743	1744	0707	1610	New Moon
12	0741	1746	0747	1731	
13	0740	1748	0826	1848	
14	0738	1750	0853	2010	
15	0736	1752	0921	2130	
16	0734	1753	0947	2250	
17	0732	1755	1013	----	
18	0730	1756	1040	0008	First Quarter
19	0728	1758	1111	0126	
20	0727	1759	1148	0239	
21	0726	1801	1231	0347	
22	0724	1803	1321	0448	
23	0722	1804	1419	0540	
24	0721	1806	1520	0623	
25	0719	1808	1625	0659	
26	0717	1809	1730	0710	Full Moon
27	0715	1811	1835	0752	
28	0713	1812	1939	0815	

For Civil Twilight subtract 37 minutes from sunrise and add 37 minutes to sunset. All times are "A" Army Time or 15 Degrees East Time.

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ANNEX "B" TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 43.

EXCERPTS FROM THE FIRST DETAILED INTERROGATION OF SS STANDARTENFUEHRER (COL) HANS LINGER, CO, 17 SS PZ GREN DIV

LINGER, Hans, SS STANDARTENFUEHRER (Col), Commander of 17 SS Pz Gren Div "GOETZ VON BERLICHINGEN", and a General Staff Officer. A 29-year old arrogant product of Nazism who at first refused to talk to anybody with rank less than colonel, and even then refused to reveal any information of a military nature. He changed.

Source emphasized the fact that he had served mainly in the field and that he was not very familiar with the organization of higher units, personalities, or German army policies. The information that follows was given quite freely and the interrogating officer believes that LINGER has told, substantially, the truth, as far as he has gone.

Criticism of Allied Tactics

Pw made the following observations, based on his experiences and on the results of his personal interrogation of American PW, of American tactics on his div front: The American infantryman is as courageous as the German soldier. With more experienced leadership all German attacks emanating from his div sector would have been beaten back.

a. Patrols:

(1) American short-range reconnaissance (GEFECHTSAUFKLAERUNG) is not sufficiently thorough. Through lack of aggressiveness the patrols do not succeed often enough in drawing fire which would reveal the location of heavy German Inf weapons.

(2) The missions entrusted to American patrols are much too complicated. It is impossible for any patrol to bring back all the information requested of it. It would be much better to send out more smaller-sized patrols with more modest missions.

b. Terrain Intelligence: American unit commanders do not study carefully enough the terrain opposite their front. This accounts for the fact that American heavy inf weapons are not always concentrated at the point where the German main effort in the attack (SCHWERPUNKT) is normally to be expected.

c. Defence in Depth: PW states that our small units are echeloned in depth excellently. The same cannot be said of our divs. The div reserves are spread out too much, and in rows, instead of being concentrated to most tactical requirements.

d. Reserves: PW always took advantage of the fact that our Bn and Regtl commanders insist upon keeping their reserves with them, instead of dispatching them to an adjoining sector which is endangered. It was source's impression that our unit commanders, in order to retain their reserves, pretend that a German attack is about to take place, or deliberately send their reserves forward to meet a small attack so that they do not have to part with them for a longer period. Aware of this, PW invariably began his offensives with a fake attack, with a large amount of small arms fire. When the American forward unit commander of this sector sent for reserves and they were forthcoming, source began his main attack at a point where it should have been expected by the American command from the nature of the terrain, etc. Precious time was lost thereby by the Americans in gathering reserves to counterattack successfully.

e. Tactical Employment of Allied Tanks: The reasons behind our employment of medium tanks in groups of two and three is not clear to source. In his opinion the Sherman tank was not conceived as a gun carrier in direct support of the Inf. They should be used in company strength to achieve a general breakthrough, considering the large number of tanks we have at our disposal. Only the shortage of armor causes the Germans to use their tanks in small numbers.

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f. American Garrison at RIMLING: PW paid tribute to the gallantry of the two American Cos which were captured in RIMLING (6555) 2 - 3 Jan 45. In spite of the fact that these men were in a situation that was almost desperate, the commander rejected the PW's ultimatum to surrender and replied that he would fight to the last shot. The village was taken by the Germans two days later after they faked a frontal attack from the NORTH and attacked from the SOUTH. The German troops sustained heavy losses. PW could not understand why the two Cos were not reinforced or pulled back on the road RIMLING-BETTWILLER, which was never under German control. PW did not see the remnants of the American garrison because he was himself captured the same day, while out well forward on a personal reconnaissance mission. (SUSA) (79th Div Periodic Report No 199).

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To: 282400 JAN

HQ. 48 TK BN.
LUPSTEIN, FR

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Maps: SAVERNE SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY (26 JAN)

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY (26 JAN)

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY (26 JAN)

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
SNOW - 500 YDS.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE, HQ. 48TK BN
DATED, 27 JAN 45

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
SUCCESSFUL

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4 (76)	2				
	M4 (105)	3				
"A" Co	M4 (75)	9		1		
	M4 (76)	6				
	M4 (105)	1				
"B" Co	W/62 A/B					
"C" Co	M4 (75)	5		2		1 TK DOZER INCL.
	M4 (76)	7				
	M4 (105)	1				
"D" Co	M5 (37)	9		2		
TOTAL	M4 (75)	14		3		
	M4 (76)	15				
	M4 (105)	5				
	M5 (37)	9		2		

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 44

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Ey counterattacks in the COLMAR pocket against Allied advances are decreasing. This might be due to the exhaustion of ey armor. By arty fire reported decreasing.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Few rounds of heavy caliber arty fire fell in PFAFFENHOFFEN (Q-9027) and SAVERNE during the night. Rest of front continues very quiet. By arty still light and scattered. 36th Div - No arty reported since 0120A when 15 rds light caliber believed SP fell vic R-055130. Patrol heard 3 ey tks in woods at R-092145 which were firing toward Ns at 2330A. Elsewhere ey inactive. 79th Div - Beginning at 1855A truck movement heard for 2 hours from SCHIRRHOFFEN (R-1322) to OBERHOFFEN (R-0919) to CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (R-0821). At 2000A tracked vehicles were heard moving E from CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN. At 2054A ey tks heard vic R-072224 and ey activity heard in woods vic R-071226. During early morning hours our arty started several fires in CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN--1 large explosion heard believed to be an ammunition dump. 101st A/B Div - Ey observed digging in along edge of woods N of MODER River in Div sector. 103d Div - Patrols last night encountered ey across entire front. Heavy resistance encountered in left sector (6 SS Mtn Div), lighter contact in right sector (36 Inf Div). Co patrol to ROTHBACH (Q-8434) preceded by 276 rd arty preparation, killed 18 of 35 men of 2 Co, 11 SS Mtn Regt, took one PW, KO'd 5 of 10 MGs of Co. Ey has strength in BISCHHOLTZ (Q-8532), MUHLHAUSEN (Q-8631) and UHRWILLER (Q-8630). Patrol received fire from KINDWILLER (Q-8929). Arty fire has been slight during night and morning. 45th Div - 8 red flares and 3 white flares reported observed vic MUHLHAUSEN (Q-8631) at 0245A. No action by ey patrols reported. Our patrols received AW fire from hill 301 (Q-805375) and digging heard vic Q-836368.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Disposition of Air Crews in Emergency Landings:

(1) Pilots and air crews crash-landed in 6th Army Group Area must not be assumed to be Allied air forces personnel without positive identification. Such personnel will be taken to the nearest S-2 or G-2 for preliminary interrogation and then forwarded to the nearest Air Force headquarters for identification and detailed interrogation by the A-2 of that headquarters.

(2) German Air Force prisoners of war must be sent without delay to the nearest Air Force headquarters for proper disposition.

b. PW Information: PW of SS unit states he saw 5 Sherman tanks with German crews and 20 light tanks in OFFENDORF on 23 Jan. Engr Bridging unit of the 10th SS Div also in OFFENDORF with two bridging sets which can be used to cross rivers up to 62 yds wide. According to PW description of bridging equipment, it sounds suspiciously like "Bailey" Bridge equipment. 7 Royal Tiger tanks in HERRLISHEIM on 21 Jan.

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c. Weather - 29 Jan - Overcast low clouds with snow showers and rain showers mixed. Visibility 1-2 miles in morning, 5-6 miles in afternoon. Wind Southwest to West 15 mph. Minimum temperature 28 degrees.

d. Total PWs during period - 3
Total PWs to date - 1138

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION Hq. 48 Tk Bn.

FROM 290001 JAN. 45

TO 292400 JAN. 45

PLACE LUPSTEIN, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0900		(1)	2235	Msg from CCB - Rcn is directed for 29 Jan of the routes and assbly areas contained in plans 1A thru 4B - Plans 2A & 3. Particular attention will be given to effect of present snow conditions.	
		(2)	1735	Overlay via ln off of Plan 1A to be reconnoitered 30 Jan	

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S - 3 REPORT

From: 290001 JAN. 45
To: 292400 JAN. 45

HQ. 48 TK BN.
LUPSTEIN, FR.

No. _____

Maps: SAVERNE SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY. (26 JAN)
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY. (26 JAN)
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY. (26 JAN)
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
CLEAR — GOOD.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE
HQ. 48 TK BN., DTD 27 JAN. 45

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
SUCCESSFUL.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period	
Hq	M4(76)	2				
	M4(105)	2		1		
"A" Co	M4(75)	9		1		
	M4(76)	6				
	M4(105)	1				
"B" Co	W/62 A1B					
"C" Co	M4(75)	5		2		1 TK DOZER INCL.
	M4(76)	7				
	M4(105)	1				
"D" Co	M5(37)	13		1		
TOTAL	M4(75)	14		3		
	M4(76)	15				
	M4(105)	4				
	M5(37)	13		1		

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

3 LT TKS, M5A1, RECEIVED

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STATUS OF CLEATS ON 105'S

HQ. Co — 1 W/RUBBER TRACKS
1 W/CLEATS
1 IN ORDNANCE

A Co. — BEING WORKED ON AS OF 1900

B Co. — WITH CLEATS

~~C Co~~ — WITH CLEATS.

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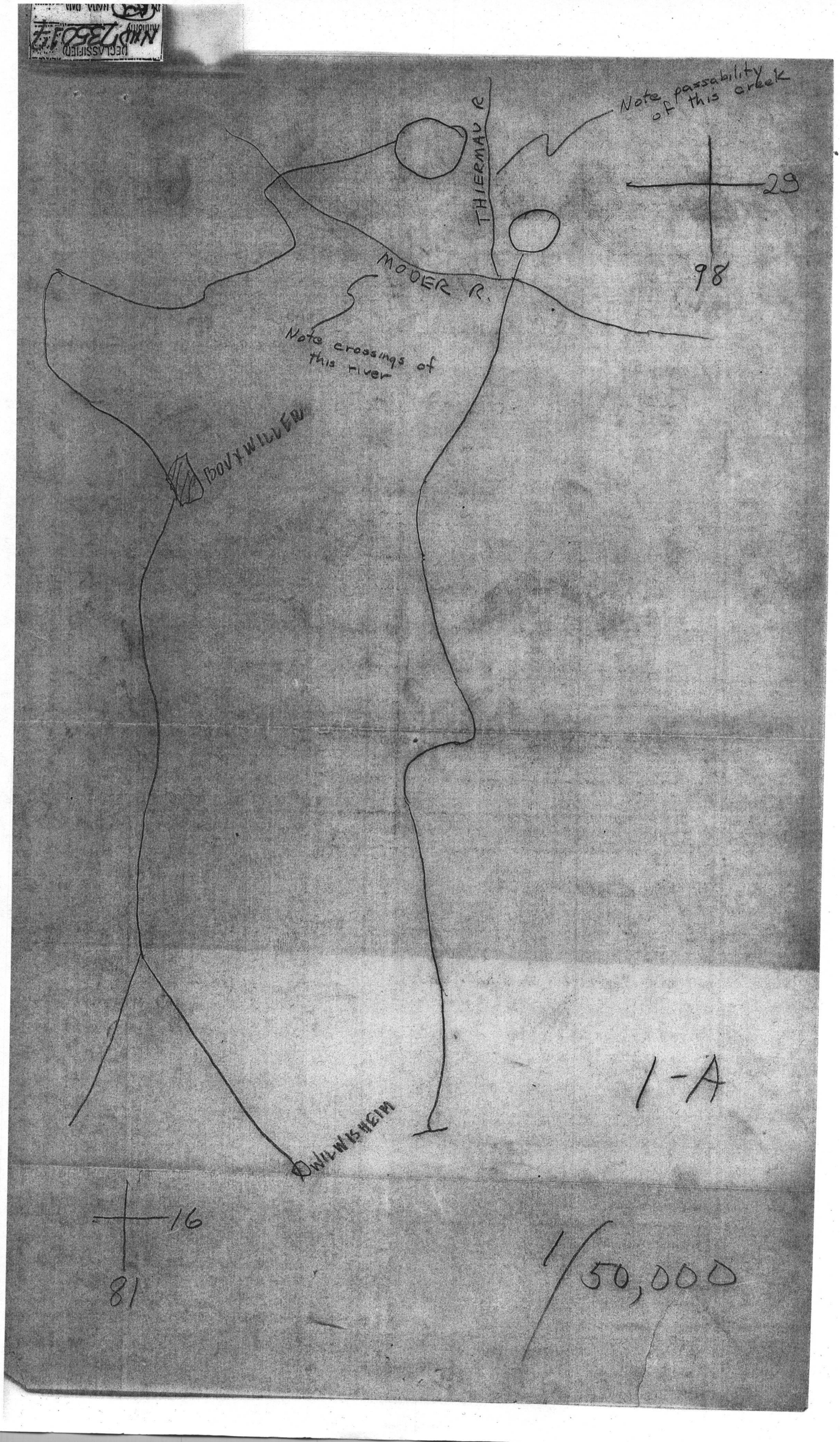

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. ARMY

28 January 1945

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Monday 28 January 1945

SUBJECT	TIME	PERSONNEL	PLACE
Maint veh, weapons, radios	0830-1030	All	Co Area
Review tactics of tk plt, blackboard by plt	1030-1130	All	Plt Area
Destruction of materiel * Ref: Adm Inst #2 attached	1300-1500	All	Co Area
Orientation	1500-1530	All	Co Area

Tuesday 29 January 1945

Maint veh, weapons, radios	0830-1030	All	Co Area
Radio Security, (Ref: Memo, Hq 14th AD dtd 10 December 1944)	1030-1100	All	Co Area
Battle experiences by plt conference	1100-1130	All	Plt Area
Details of tank-Inf coordination	1300-1400	All	Co Area
Indirect Fire methods	1400-1500	All	Co Area
Orientation	1500-1530	All	Co Area
Notes on trning			

1. Instruction on tank plt tactics to stress basic principles for inexperienced reinforcements, those never having actually been in combat being considered inexperienced regardless of previous trning. Instruction for those who have been in combat to be conducted on conference lines with the presentation of varying pieces of terrain on the blackboard and solutions presented by different members of class - - walls of rooms and colored pencils to be used as blackboards where necessary.

*2. One copy of Adm Inst #2 is being dist per plt night 28 Jan. Instruction in destruction of materiel will be conducted first by lecture then by demonstration on vehicles.

3. Many instances of violation of radio security have occurred, particularly in the last action. On many occasions emergency required the violation. On most occasions the violation might have avoided completely or have been been made less flagrant. Lessons to be learned from these violations are no longer to be learned solely by listening to rear area lectures. Their value can be seen on the battlefield.

4. Instruction on coordination of tank-inf team cooperation must be of a basic nature for reinforcements. For the more seasoned men the exact details of how tanks support infantry and infantry support tanks both in fire and movement must be discussed until the logical method is clear in everyones' mind.

By order of Major CAVIN:

James N Studer

JAMES N. STUDER
Major, 48th Tank Battalion, S-3

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Hq 14 AD
29 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 45.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Ey resistance is decreasing throughout the COLMAR pocket. Only one ey counterattack launched against our 3rd Div yesterday.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Generally nothing out ey patrol activity and considerable traffic in forward areas, which indicate regrouping. 36th Div - 200 rds of light caliber arty fire was received vic BISCHWILLER (R-0918) at approximately 1600A. Some ey patrol contact reported. Considerable traffic, direction unknown, was reported heard between HEX LIEREN (R-1214) and GRIESHEIM (R-1110) during the night. 79th Div - Sector generally quiet. Slight vehicle traffic reported going E from 053254 at 1700A. 8 ey and 1 vehicle at R-068232 and 15 ey vic R-065328 reported at 1700A. At 2320A vehicular traffic entering OBERHOFFEN (R-0919) from NE and leaving OBERHOFFEN toward NW reported periodically from 0100A to 0600A. 1 ey tk and some Inf dispersed by our arty fire vic R-085210. 101st A/B Div - Sporadic arty and mortar fire. 2 ey patrols reported. Ey making very extensive defense preparations in Div zone. Two tks moving into posn at Q-971268 at 0400A, fired on by arty with good effect. 103rd Div - No change in ey attitude. Considerable movement of vehicles and men heard from 2000A to 2330A on road BITSCHHOFFEN (Q-8631) — ROTHBACH (Q-8534) — NIEFFERN (Q-8729). 45th Div - Ey MG vic Q-80503885, sqd vic Q-808389, and small numbers of riflemen vic Q-791388 and Q-788388 engaged our patrols in E part of sector. 12 - 15 rds light caliber arty harassed WINGEN from 1750A to 2315A. 6 rds 75mm fell vic Q-831345 at 2125A.

XV Corps - Nothing but patrol and sniper activity.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather: 30 Jan 45 - No snow. Partly cloudy. Visibility 4 miles at dawn improving to 6 - 7 miles after 1000A. Wind from N 5 m.p.h. Min temp 10 degrees F.
31 Jan 45 - No snow. Partly cloudy. Visibility 2 miles at dawn improving to 3 - 4 miles after 1000A. Wind from NE 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 10 degrees F.

b. Total PWs during period ——— 2
Total PWs to date ——————— 1140

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UNIT JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION HQ. 48 TKBN.

FROM 300001 JAN. 45

TO 302400 JAN. 45

PLACE LUPSTEIN, FR.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
			0800	Maj Jr. C.CA - Unit C.O's meeting at CCA at 1100	
			1100	Bn C.O. to Unit C.O.'s meeting	
			0800	Recon party on reconnaissance of Plan 1A.	

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From: 300001 JAN. 45
To: 302400 JAN 45

HQ. 48 TK BN.
LUPSTEIN, FR.

No. _____

Maps: SAVERNE SHEET SCALE 1:50.000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
OVERLAY

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
OVERLAY.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
SNOW — 500 YDS.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
REFERENCE: TRAINING SCHEDULE, HQ. 48TKBN
DTO 28 JAN, 45
RCN OF ROUTE 1/1A - OVERLAY SUBMITTED.
DIRECT TODAY.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
EXCELLENT

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
SUCCESSFUL.

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8. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4 (76)	2			
	M4 (105)	1		2	
"A" Co	M4 (75)	10			
	M4 (76)	6			
	M4 (105)	1			
"B" Co					
		W/62 A/B			
"C" Co	M4 (76)	4		3	
	M4 (76)	6		1	
	M4 (105)	1			
"D" Co	M5 (37)	13		1	
TOTAL	M4 (75)	14		3	
	M4 (76)	14		~~3~~	
	M4 (105)	3		2	
	M5 (37)	13		1	

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

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COMPANY "C" 62ND ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
APO# 446 %Postmaster, NY. NY.

29 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Training Schedule for 30 January 1945.

TO : S-3, 48th Tank Battalion.

Submitted herewith is the training schedule of this organization for 30 January 1945:

0815-0830	Calesthenics--conducted by platoons.
0830-0930	Map Reading--Lt Day--Mess hall
0930-1130	Squad Tactics--conducted by platoons in area east of present town.
1300-1400	First Aid--company aid men--mess hall
1400-1500	Mortar ammunition instruction--S/Sgt Gebauer Mortar Squads only--Mess hall.
1400-1500	Weapons instruction--(Possible stoppages, and preventative measures--by platoons.
1500-1600	Maintenance of weapons and vehicles by platoons.

Thomas R. Day

THOMAS R. DAY
1st Lt., 62nd AIB.,
Commanding.

approved by S-3 62 AIB

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Hq 14 AD
30 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 46.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Yesterday French reported that CIRNAY was apparently unoccupied but patrols approaching town drew AW fire from both sides of town. One small ey counterattack against French N of MULHOUSE repulsed. Several ey counterattacks supported by small groups of armor against 3rd Div likewise repulsed. No activity observed in GAMBSHEIM area except friendly patrol drew fire from town.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Ey continued to be generally quiet and passive. Arty fire still slight and scattered. There is no indication of a general withdrawal by the ey. No new identifications. Ey believed going on the defensive. 36th Div - Principal bridge on road WEYERSHEIM (R-0513) to GAMBSHEIM (R-1110) reported blown. 15-20 vehicles observed at ferry site opposite DRUSENHEIM (R-1518) waiting to be ferried across. Some vehicular movement heard in ROHRWILLER (R-1217) and HERRLISHEIM (R-1214) during night. 79th Div - Continued traffic between SCHIRRHEIM (R-1222) and OBERHOFFEN (R-0920). Ey is very sensitive to our patrolling. Ey observed laying wire vic METZGER (R-0224). Heavy SA and MG fire received from bldgs at R-030524O at 0130A. 101st A/B Div - No arty or mortar fire received and no contact during night. 103d Div - No contact during night. 2 tks heard on OFFENWILLER-ROTHBACH rd 2200A. At 0030A unknown amount of tracked vehicles reported moving W toward KINDWILLER (Q-3929). 45th Div - Light harassing fire in WINGEN (Q-7535) throughout night. Undetermined number of ey supported by mortar and arty attacked our outpost in SAEGMUHL (Q-795375), forcing outpost to withdraw. Outpost position reoccupied by our troops at 2100A without contact.

XV Corps - Tac/R reports some movement to the NW from BITCHE.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Germans Violate Rules of Warfare:

Large-scale German violations of international law were reported recently along the American Ninth Army front and American troops have been alerted against the German misuse of United States uniforms, white flags and Red Cross emblems.

One incident was disclosed after the capture of Bourheim, a hamlet west of Juelich. Correspondents were shown a dead American soldier whose uniform had been stripped from him, apparently by the retreating Germans. Neatly piled beside the body were his identification tags, wallet with money and other personal belongings.

On 29 Nov an entire German MG squad clad in GI overcoats was discovered by an American platoon sergeant. He had spotted the khaki outfits, walked into the position and was captured. Later he was freed by advancing Americans and rptd the incident.

Another instance of the violations concerned two English-speaking German officers who approached an American reconnaissance platoon under a white flag and told the unit it was surrounded. The Germans urged all to surrender to "save needless bloodshed."

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The platoon sergeant was not convinced but finally agreed to allow two of his men to return with the Germans under a white flag "to confer with the German commander." The two men never returned. The patrol went back to the American line without encountering any Germans.

The first definite proof of the suspected large-scale misuse of the Red Cross symbol turned up recently. American troops captured in Juelich a German half-track loaded with weapons but bearing Red Cross markings.

American pilots also rptd having seen German tanks and other equipment clearly marked with Red Cross emblems, apparently in an effort to protect them from American aerial attacks. (With American Ninth Army) (103d Div)

b. Ambush Tactics:

An ingenious method of stopping our vehicles to allow easier access to the occupants is being used by German patrols. Three 5½ inch spikes sharpened at both ends are welded together to form a six-pointed device. These are strung together and pulled in front of the tires of an approaching vehicle by personnel hidden at the side of the road. The 95th Inf Div reported that one of its two-jeep patrols was apprehended in this manner at Q-225872, W of the SAAR River, near REHLINGEN, the night of 25-26 January. A string of the devices was pulled in front of the second vehicle, blowing the tires and forcing it to stop. When the men got out, they were attacked. The first vehicle turned back and fired on the hostile group, driving them off. (Source: XX US Corps)

c. Weather - 31 Jan - Scattered to broken cloudiness. Light rain showers during afternoon. Visibility 1-2 miles - slight fog and haze in morning. 3 to 5 miles in the afternoon. Wind light and variable. Minimum temperature 13 degrees F.

1 Feb - Light rain in morning with cloudy sky. Visibility 3 to 4 miles in morning. 5 to 6 miles in afternoon. Variable wind SW 5 to 10 miles per hr. Minimum temperature 25 degrees F.

d. Total PWs during period - 0
Total PWs to date - 1140

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DIST: A & B

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S - 3 REPORT

From: 310001 JAN. 45
To: 312400 JAN. 45

HQ. 48 TK BN
LUPSTEIN, FR

No.

Maps: SAVERNE, SHEET, SCALE 1:50,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES:
   OVERLAY
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS:
   OVERLAY
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   OVERLAY
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY:
   CLEAR - GOOD
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   RCN OF ROUTE 4 AS DESIGNATED ON OVERLAY PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED.
   TRAINING AS PRESCRIBED IN TRAINING SCHEDULE, HQ: 48 TK BN; DTD 30 JAN. 45.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:
   EXCELLENT
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
   SUCCESSFUL

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6. TANK AND TD STATUS:

Unit	Type of Vehicle & Gun	Operationally Fit	Under Repair: Fit in 24 hrs	Under Repair: Fit over 24 hours	Lost During period
Hq	M4(76)	2			
	M4(105)	1		2	
"A" Co	M4(75)	10			
	M4(76)	6			
	M4(105)	1			
"B" Co	M4(75)				
	M4(76)	W/C 2 A/B			
	M4(105)				
"C" Co	M4(75)	4		3	
	M4(76)	6		2	
	M4(105)	1			
"D" Co	M5(37)	15			
TOTAL	M4(75)	14		3	
	M4(76)	14		2	
	M4(105)	3		2	
	M5(37)	15			

VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED:

1 LT TR, M5A1, RECEIVED TODAY.

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HEADQUARTERS 48TH TANK BATTALION
A. P. O. 446 U. S. Army

30 January 1945

TRAINING SCHEDULE 31 JAN 45

SUBJECT	TIME	PERSONNEL	PLACE
Maint of weapons and vehicles & radios	0830 - 1030	All	Co Area
Tank plat tactics, cooperation tanks-infantry	1030 - 1130	All	Plat Area
Review Destruction of Materiel	1300 - 1400	All	Co Area
Battle experiences	1400 - 1430	All	Plat Area
Review basic gunnery principles, direct fire	1430 - 1500	All	Plat Area
Orientation	1500 - 1530	All	Co Area

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NOTES ON TRAINING

1. Tank platoon tactics and cooperation of tanks and infantry must be presented in such a manner as to stress the solution of small platoon problems on varying terrain by individual crew members, and as to bring out the finest details of how the tanks and infantry work as a team under varying terrain and enemy fire.

2. In the instruction on destruction of materiel stress must be placed on the fact that no materiel will be destroyed unless all possible effort will not save it and then only when so ordered by the highest commander available up to the Battalion Commander. In addition it must be pointed out that ordinarily there will be little time to accomplish the destruction and that it will usually be under fire. It should be pointed out that one method not covered in written material is to drop an incendiary grenadein the gas tank after having emptied the fire extinguishers. Combat experience has proven this to be very effective.

By order of Major CAVIN:

James N. Studer
JAMES N. STUDER
Major, 48th Tank Battalion
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Hq 14 AD
31 Jan 45

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 47.

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army - In the COLMAR pocket French troops N of MULHOUSE are encountering extensive mine fields. On our 3rd Div front, the ey launched several small counterattacks, repulsed without loss of ground. 10 ey tks reported in HEISSEMHEIM (865568). GAMBSHEIM found clear of ey but heavily mined and booby-trapped.

b. Seventh US Army:

VI Corps - Corps front generally quiet. Ey arty very light and scattered. Ey continues to adopt a defensive attitude. 36th Div - Ey continues defensive. Our patrol to OFFENDORF (R-1312) reached R-093126 and met very extensive mine-field consisting of double teller mines from R-077119 to blown bridge at R-088119. Wooded area to the N in the R-0914 GS found clear of ey but heavily mined and booby-trapped. 2 PWs taken in vic of OBERHOFFEN from the 10 SS Pz Div stated 70 ey and 8 MGs located in woods vic [redacted]13191908. 79th Div - Ey ground activity limited to patrolling. STANGEN FARM (R-052241) outposted by the ey. At 0100A HAGUENAU (R-0424) received some tk or SP fire. 101st A/B Div - At 2340A 3 tks reported at ↳-970269. Minor patrolling only ey activity. PW of the 104th Regt, 47 VG Div stated their OPL is the S edge of woods along MODER River; Div Fwd CP located at LEUTZWILLER (↳-9630) and rear CP at WALBOURG (R-0331). 103rd Div - Ey remained quiet and no contact was reported. The ey is digging-in, cutting trees and preparing defenses front of Div sector. 935 and 937 Regts of the 245 Inf Div have been identified. Apparently this Div has a zone between the 47th and 36th Divs. 45th Div - Light scattered mortar fire received in WILDENGUTH (↳-7837) -- RHEINMUNSTER (↳-8037) sector. Patrol heard considerable ey move-ment vic ↳-768390, believed to be ey making a relief. Patrol to ↳-786386 was fired on by a MG and M/pistol.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Weather: 1 Feb 45 - Overcast low clouds with some breaks in afternoon. Visibility 1/2 to 1 mile until 1100A due to fog and precipitation improving to 3 - 4 miles thereafter. Rain or sleet until 1500A. Wind S 12 - 14 m.p.h. becoming S 8 - 10 m.p.h. after 1000A. Minimum temperature 30 degrees F.
2 Feb 45 - Overcast becoming broken before noon. Visibility 1 mile before 1000A improving to 2 - 4 miles thereafter. Wind westerly 5 - 7 m.p.h. Minimum Temperature 27 degrees F.

b. Total PWs during period ——— 0
Total PWs to date ——————— 1140

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DIST: A & B

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ANNEX "A" TO FC INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 47

ARTY, AT, AA & INF GUNS FACING VI CORPS

256 VG DIV

Arty (256 Arty Regt)
- 1 Bn does not exist (1st, 2nd & 3rd Btry)
- 2 Bn 2 btrys, 6 - 105mm Hows ea (T/O)
  None identified
- 3 Bn 2 btrys, 6 - 105mm Hows ea (T/O). 6th Btry has 2 left on 24 Dec.
- 4 Bn 2 btrys, 6 - 150mm Hows ea (T/O). 9th Btry has 3 left on Dec 12.

AT (256 AT Bn)
9 - 75mm AT guns, 14 Assault Guns, 9 - 37mm AA guns (T/O)
5 - 75mm SP AT guns (long barrel) identified Jan 2

Inf Hows
36 - 75mm Inf Hows (12 per Regt) T/O
Identified:
- 456 VGR: 9 (of which 3 destroyed on 10 Jan)
- 476 VGR: 4
- 481 VGR: 8 (4 of them may be 150mm Inf Hows)

Attached (Jan 4)
AT Co OPPELN
7 - 75mm AT guns, horsedrawn.

6 SS MTN DIV

Arty (6 SS Mtn Arty Regt)
- 1 Bn 3 btrys, 4 - 75mm Mtn Hows ea (identified)
- 2 Bn 3 btrys, 4 - 75mm Mtn Hows ea (T/O)
  6th Btry has 4 - 105mm Hows (identified)
- 3 Bn 7th & 8th Btrys have 4 - 105mm Hows ea. (identified)

AT (6 SS AT Bn)
AT Bn not identified. T/O calls for 24 AT guns in it. T/O also calls for 3 AT guns in Recn Bn.
4th Co 6 SS Recn Bn has 4 - 75mm AT guns
T/O also calls for 3 AT guns in each of the 2 Mtn Regts.
None have been identified in 11 SS Mtn Regt, but 20th Co, 12 SS Mtn Co has 3 - 50mm and 3 - 75mm AT guns which according to PWs are 'not here'.

Inf Hows
T/O calls for 6 - 75mm Mtn Hows and 2 (?) - 150mm Mtn Hows per Mtn Regt.
Identified:
- 2 - 75mm Mtn Hows in 11th Co (2nd Bn) 11 SS Mtn Regt
- 2 - 75mm Mtn Hows in 11th Co (2nd Bn) 12 SS Mtn Regt

Attached
506 SS PG Bn
- 2 - 50mm AT guns
- 4 - 75mm SP guns

36 INF DIV

Arty (268 Arty Regt)
Only 7th Btry (3d Bn) identified. It has 4 - 105 Hows
T/O calls for 3 light Bns of 12 - 105 Hows each and 1 med Bn of 12 - 150 Hows.

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AT (36AT Bn)
Bn not identified. T/O calls for 27 AT guns. T/O also calls for 12 - 75mm AT guns in each GR. It is not likely that these are present.

Inf Hows
T/O calls for 18 - 75mm Hows (6 per GR) and 6 - 150mm Hows (2 per GR)
Identified:
87 GR None
118 GR 3 - 75mm
165 GR 4 - 75mm
Note: 36 Inf Div may have been in part reorganized along VG Div lines.

47 VG DIV
Arty (147 Arty Regt)
Arty Regt not identified.
T/O calls for 2 light Bns of 12 - 105mm Hows ea & 1 Bn of 3 (?) - 150mm Hows (ETO)

AT (147 AT Bn)
Bn not identified.
T/O calls for 15 (12 ?) - 75mm AT guns (ETO)
T/O also calls for 12 - 75mm AT guns in each GR.
Identified: 3 - 75mm AT guns (in 103 VGR)

Inf Hows
T/O calls for 6 - 75mm Inf Hows in each VGR (ETO).
Identified: 2 - 150mm Inf Hows (in 104 VGR)
Note: ETO reports on T/O for 47 VGR indicate that it differs from normal VG Div T/O.

7 PARA DIV
Arty (7 Para Arty Regt)
Regt not identified.
T/O calls for 3 Bns of 12 - 105mm Hows ea.

AT (7 Para AT Bn)
Bn not identified.
T/O calls for 21 - 75mm AT guns.

Inf Hows
None have been identified.
T/O probably calls for 6 per Rcht Regt.

25 PG DIV
Arty (25 Arty Regt)
T/O: 2 Bns light (12 - 105mm ea), 1 Bn med (12 - 150mm ea).
Identified and believed to be all that exists:
1st Bn: 3 Btrys of 4 - 105mm, 1 gun missing in 2nd Btry.
3rd Bn: 2 Btrys (8 & 9) of 4 - 150mm ea.

AT (25 AT Bn)
T/O: 2 Cos of 12 - 75mm Assault Gun ea, 1 Co of 12 - 75mm motor drawn.
Present on Jan 14:
1st Co about 6 guns operative
2nd Co all guns either destroyed or temporarily disabled.
3rd Co all guns present

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There were 10 more 75mm Assault Guns in 4 Co of 119 PGR on Jan 17 and 7 in 4 Co of 5 Pz R.
8 Co 119 PGR had 6 - 20mm AT guns.
35 PGR had no heavy company at all.
T/O requirements for PGRs are not quite clear at the present time as the T/C for the 'PG Div 44' has not been captured.
These assault guns replace Inf Hows in PG Regts.

Attached
1151 GHQ Arty Bn
1152 GHQ Arty Bn
Both organized identically.
3 Btrys of 3 - 150mm Hows ea.

10 SS PZ DIV
Arty (10 SS Pz Arty Regt)
Regt not identified. T/O calls for:
1st Bn 3 Btrys of 6 - 105mm SP ea
2nd & 3rd Bn 3 Btrys ea of 4 - 105mm Hows ea
4th Bn of 3 Btrys of 4 - 150mm Hows ea
1 Btry of 4 - 105mm guns
These are not likely to be present in that strength.

AA Arty (10 SS AA Bn)
Bn not identified
T/O calls for 1 Btry of 12 - 20mm AA guns and Btrys of 4 - 88mm AA guns plus 3 - 20mm AA guns ea.
These may not be present.
T/O also calls for 12 - 20mm AA guns per PGR.
Identified:
21 SS PGR 2 - 88mm AA guns, 5 - 20mm AA guns (14th Co)
22 SS PGR None

Assault Guns (10 SS Assault Gun Bn)
Bn not identified.
T/O calls for 3 Cos of 10 - 14 Assault Guns ea.

AT Guns (10 SS AT Bn)
Bn not identified
T/O calls for 3 Cos of 14 - 75mm AT SP ea.
T/O also calls for 3 - 75mm AT guns in Recn Bn which has not been identified.
T/O furthermore calls for 9 - 88mm and 9 - 75mm AT guns for ea of the 2 PGRs.
Identified:
21 SS PGR 3 - 75mm AT guns (14 Co)
22 SS PGR 4 Co 3 - 75mm AT guns
8 Co 3 - 75mm AT guns
12 Co 3 - 50mm AT guns
14 Co Several 20mm AT guns on H/T.

Inf Hows
None identified.
T/O calls for 6 - 75mm SP and 6 - 150mm SP in ea of the two PGRs.

21 Pz Div
Arty (155 Pz Arty Regt)
T/O calls for 2 Bns with 12 - 105 Hows ea and 1 Bn with 18 - 150 Hows

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Identified:
1, 2, 4, 5, 7 Btrys of 4 - 105mm Hows ea.
3, 6, 9 Btrys of 4 - 150mm Hows ea.
Existence of 8th Btry doubtful.

AT Guns (200AT Bn)
Bn was not recently identified.
T/O calls for 12 - 75mm AT guns and 31 - 75mm Ass Guns.
T/O also calls for 12 - 88mm guns in Arty Regt (not identified)
3 - 75mm AT SP were furthermore identified in Hq Co 125 PGR and some 88 AT SP in 8 Co 125 PGR.

AA Guns
T/O calls for 12 - 37mm AA guns in Arty Regt (not identified)
3 - 37mm AA guns were identified in 8th Co of 125 PGR and 4th Co of 192 PGR.

Inf Hows
T/O calls for 13 - 75mm SP in Recn Unit (21 Pz Recn Bn)
Identified: 3 - 75mm SP in 4 Co 21 Pz Recn Bn
T/O also calls for 6 - 75mm SP and 6 - 150mm SP per PGR
Identified: 14 ss guns in 125 PGR (caliber not known)

553 VG Div

Note: This division is not organized as a VG Div, but controls various battle groups and GHQ Arty. The following Arty is believed under it at present:
Arko XIV SS A.K. - the Corps Arty Comdr of the XIV SS Corps . This is a staff only.

1553 Arty Regt
This would be the organic Arty of 553 VG Div, but only 2nd Bn is believed to exist. It probably contains 12 - 105mm Hows in either two six-gun btrys or three four-gun btrys.

1514 GHQ Fortress Arty Bn
Reported to be composed of 3 Btrys
1st & 2nd Btry 4 - 100mm Czech guns or Hows
3rd Btry some Russian 122mm guns or Hows
1st Btry carries number 1509 (probably originally the number of a Bn, of which this Btry alone is left)

1127 GHQ Fortr Arty Bn
Has only one btry with 4 - 122mm Russian guns or Hows. Also known as unit 'BIESING' and may be in some way connected with 1514 Bn.

68 AA Regt (a staff only) probably controls:

442 AA Bn
705 AA Bn
721 AA Bn
939 AA Bn

All of these appear to be newly formed units and nothing is known about their composition.

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405 AT Bn

Probably originally formed as part of 405 Adm Div, but now under control of 553 Div. Also known as battle group MANNHERZ.

Exact composition unknown, but believed to have 2 AT Cos and possibly one AA Co. Reports on armament vary. Highest report on total AT guns in Bn is 9 - 75mm, 1 - 37mm (17 Jan). On Jan 18, 2nd Co was reported to have 2 - 37mm, 1 - 50mm, 2 - 75mm.

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